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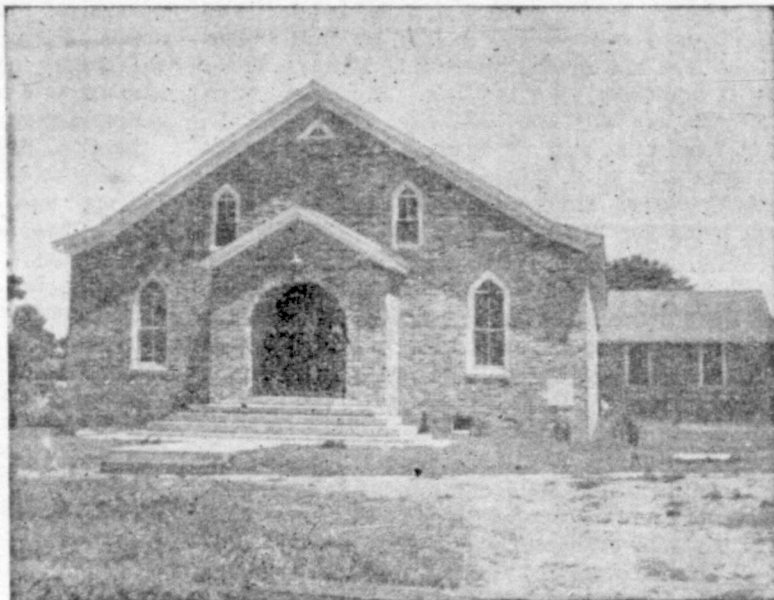
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Faith Plus Work Produces Results At Second Baptist Church, Greenville



At left, first meeting place of Second Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss.

At right, the new edifice of the Second Baptist Church which has recently been completed.



By John D. Davis

At left, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, under whose pastorate the new church was built.



Romance, adventure, pioneering, courage, faith, vision, etc.

A lot of such words could well be used in relating the beginning and development of the Second Baptist Church at Greenville, Miss.

At its 1937 annual meeting the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board appropriated \$50.00 per month during 1938 to a mere "opportunity" in Greenville, Miss. No church, no pastor, no property, and no anything, but a host of people—men, women and children who attended church nowhere—a challenge to any Christian, pastor or layman, who has a real passion for souls and willing to work.

This situation was presented to Rev. J. R. Eubanks who had a very interesting pastorate in another part of the state, and on March 1, 1938, he and his good wife began their work on this field by ringing door bells. Before the first month had passed they had begun to hold prayer meetings in private homes. When the homes became too small to hold the crowds who came, larger quarters were sought. From this beginning, a church was organized in the following July, with 22 charter members. The church grew in numbers and interest, until now there are about 350 members, with a thriving Sunday school, B. T. U. and W. M. U. Only recently a Brotherhood has been organized. Thus all phases of the work of the denomination are fostered.

At a revival which closed July 19, Brother J. B. Flowers did the preaching and 47 new members came. A large number by baptism.

A new brick building has just been completed which is a joy to the entire membership, as well as all those who are interested in advancing God's kingdom.

The Rev. Eubanks has been untiring in leading these good people who have followed him throughout these four years, and now feel they are in position to do even more effective work than ever. This church has demonstrated that good leadership, together with good "fellowship" make things happen for God's glory.

—BR—

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, and formerly State Mission Secretary in Mississippi, is to assist Pastor A. A. Kitchings in a meeting at Black Jack Church, Yazoo County, beginning the third Sunday in August.

CAN'T ENFORCE PROHIBITION?

By Sam Morris

Many persons say, "Oh, prohibition is all right, but you can't enforce it."

Did you ever hear anyone say that? Well, let's think about it a minute.

Do you mean to tell me a government that can keep 130 million people from making, selling and buying automobiles can't stop them from making, selling and buying booze?

Do you mean to tell me that a government that can stop 130 million people from making, buying and selling automobile tires and tubes can't stop them from selling and buying booze?

Do you mean to tell me that a government that can stop 130 million people from selling and buying and using sugar can't stop them from selling and buying booze?

Listen, do you mean to tell me that a government that can make three or four million men leave their business, their families, give up civilian life and by conscription force them against their will to become soldiers and if need be, die on a foreign field—say, do you mean to tell me a government like that can't stop a few thousand bootleggers from poking fruit jars through a knot hole in the fence after dark?—The Civic Bulletin.

—BR—



Dr. J. B. George, president, Mississippi Southern College, deacon and educator. In the article below he challenges educational institutions to put first things first.

PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

Have we kept the faith? Section 16 of Article 6 of the first constitution that governed Mississippi provided that "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government, the preservation of the liberty and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall be forever encouraged in this state." The second constitution of our state which was adopted in 1832 contained the same provision.

Every man, woman and child in Mississippi today is a product in part of our educational system. The citizens of tomorrow will be the results of the training given to them today. Will the training given our young people today qualify them to meet and to solve those great and grave problems of tomorrow? Radical changes must be made in our educational system if the training given in our

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FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—1936-1941

By E. P. Alldredge, M.A., D.D., Secretary
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Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

Do you know that Southern Baptists have made a great record during the past five years? They have, and here is the proof of it. And now, let us go on to still greater things.

(1) Baptisms:	
Total baptized in six years -----	1,337,622
Average baptisms annually -----	229,272
Net increase in annual baptisms during five years -----	17,600
Baptisms coming directly from Sunday schools annually -----	137,766
(2) Membership Gains:	
Total church members in 1941 ----	5,238,132
Total net gains in five years -----	848,715
Average net gains, annually -----	141,452
Increased net gains, annually ----	40,907
(3) Sunday School Gains:	
Total Sunday schools in 1941 -----	24,629
Net increase during five years ----	1,925
Average annual increase -----	385
(4) Sunday School Enrollment:	
Total enrolled in 1941 -----	3,553,467
Net increase during five years ----	380,111
Average annual increase -----	76,022
(5) Vacation Bible Schools:	
Total Vacation Bible schools, 1941 -----	7,077
Net increase in Vacation Bible schools in five years -----	5,267
Average annual increase in Vacation Bible schools -----	1,053
(6) Enrollment in Vacation Bible Schools:	
Total enrolled in 1941 -----	617,404
Net increase in Vacation Bible school enrollment, five years ----	403,823

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Sparks and Splinters

Bluff Springs: We have just closed our revival. Rev. C. O. Stegall did the preaching. There were twelve additions, eleven for baptism. Rev. Stegall was called as pastor at the close of the meeting.—Reporter.

First Baptist Church, Moss Point: Our W. M. U., under the direction of the personal service chairman, gave Rev. Wm. K. Bean what they termed a "Seminary shower."—J. F. Brock.

I had the pleasure of conducting special revival services last week at Hebron church, located 15 miles west of Laurel. The attendance and interest in our services were excellent, and I had the pleasure of baptizing two of our young people last Sunday afternoon.—E. T. Mobberly.

Rev. A. T. Engell, pastor of Riverside and Schlater churches, writes us as follows: "I am leaving for Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., August 20 to report for duty as chaplain in the United States army."

There are some who are still interested: A member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Amite county took a week off to attend his revival meeting and to make it possible for others to attend. Everett Jackson, who hauls workers to the cantonment at Centreville, would carry his men to their work every morning and then come home and gather up a load of the people who had no way of traveling and take them to church. He would then go back to Centreville and get the workers and would later bring another load to the church for night service. Mr. Jackson did this without anyone being responsible for the expense. The church, however, made an offering toward his expenses at the request of the pastor, Rev. C. M. Day.

Bassfield: The first revival in several years was recently held at Bassfield church, with Rev. B. H. Benton of Taylorsville doing the preaching. There were six additions to the church.—Joe W. Hudson, pastor.

Waxhaw Baptist Church, Bolivar county: We had a real revival with 22 new members, 16 for baptism. Rev. J. B. Middleton of Sardis was our leader for this revival. Our membership has increased from 22 to 48 in the past year. Waxhaw is an EVERY FAMILY church.—Curtis Askew, pastor.

Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, is doing a great work. Since Dr. Claude B. Bowen came to the church as pastor two years ago, August 1, 622 members have been received into the church. Total contributions amounted to \$88,228.68, with \$30,000.00 paid on principal of bonds, in addition to interest. Truly a great pastor and a great church have met. They have recently compiled a new church roll and find that they have 2,429 active members.

Dr. Frank M. Purser, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oxford, will occupy the pulpit at both services on Sunday, August 16, at Calvary church in Jackson.

We read that a "continued precipitous" decrease in membership is giving our Methodist brethren serious concern. The union of Methodist bodies effected a few years ago does not seem to have checked the decline.—Word and Way.

Union Baptist Church, Lauderdale county: We have just closed our annual revival. Rev. Solie Smith of Stonewall and Enterprise did the preaching. There were 15 additions to the church, 14 for baptism and one by letter. The last day of the meeting Brother Smith presented the tithers' covenant. At the close of the evening service the church adopted a new budget for the coming year.—Charles A. Jolly, pastor.

Shady Dale, Tallahatchie county: Rev. A. T. Engell, pastor of Schlater Baptist Church, was the visiting preacher in our meeting. There were 31 additions, 16 of that number coming on profession of faith. A goodly number had been added to our membership previous to the meeting. Brother Engell has been invited to return for our meeting at the same time next year.—L. J. Rice, pastor.

Dr. Claud Bowen has been pastor at Calvary church, Jackson, for two years. In this time there have been 622 additions. Eighteen have publicly dedicated their lives to fuller service.

Anguilla: Rev. W. W. Ferguson of Greenbrier, Tenn., has accepted the call to Anguilla and Rolling Fork churches. He and his family will come on the field August 23 and he will preach at Anguilla that Sunday. We are glad to have these Mississippians return to their native state, and feel fortunate in having them here.—Carl Dunaway.

Whitesand church, Jeff Davis county: Our revival was held during the week of July 12, with Dr. L. E. Green of Pascagoula as evangelist. There was good attendance and much interest, resulting in 24 for baptism.—Joe W. Hudson, pastor.

Rev. A. T. Engell, pastor of Schlater and Riverside churches, has had a busy summer. The first two weeks in July he worked with Rev. W. R. Storie in Mission No. 1 and Mission No. 2, out from Itta Bena. There were 6 additions, 3 for baptism and 3 by letter. The third week in July, Dr. B. B. Hilbun assisted him in a revival meeting at Money. There were 11 additions, 6 for baptism. The fourth week in July he was with Rev. L. J. Rice at Shady Dale, about four miles east of Sumner. The first week in August Rev. W. R. Storie assisted him in a meeting at Schlater. There were eight additions, five of them being for baptism.

Roundaway church, Doddsville: During the week of July 20 we held a five-day Vacation Bible school, with good attendance. Miss Marion Hodge of Indianola assisted in this work. Our church has just closed a revival, in which Pastor Walter Jones was assisted by Rev. W. C. Sledge, of Shaw; resulting in eighteen additions.—Sue Hughes.

Bethany church, Jeff Davis county: During the week of July 19 we held our annual revival, with Rev. Paul Cranford of Vicksburg doing the preaching. His fine evangelistic messages were enjoyed by all. There were six additions by baptism.—Joe W. Hudson, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant church, Lincoln county: We recently closed our annual revival meeting. Rev. Roy F. Sutton of Longview church, Louisiana, was the visiting pastor. His gifts as a speaker make him especially adapted to lead in a combined evangelistic and stewardship emphasis. The results are still outstanding in a genuine spirit of revival, majority of the members committed to tithe and the membership working toward an enlarged program.—M. J. Anderson, pastor.

First church, Kosciusko: During the absence of Pastor R. C. Holcomb, who will be attending the Winona Lake Bible Conference in Indiana, Rev. Arthur Nelson of B. B. I. will supply at both services on the 16 and 23 of August. Rev. Nelson is a Kosciusko boy and will be welcomed back for these services.

Morrison Chapel, Bolivar County: Rev. C. C. Caraway of Boyle, recently assisted us in a revival meeting. It was a real spiritual revival. Rev. J. W. Sturdivant is pastor.—Elizabeth Stanton.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office were the following: Carl M. O'Neal, Pelahatchie; B. E. Jacobs, Jackson; J. P. Tull, Jackson; Rev. C. E. Patch, Baldwin; Rev. W. S. Landrum, Clinton; Ben Judson Kitchens, Clinton; Dr. A. A. Kitchens, Clinton; Eleanor Hitt, Vicksburg; Rev. Don Jones, Clinton; Rev. Frank Robbins, Louisville, Ky.

Brandon: Brother H. W. Roberson has been with us at Brandon only two and a half years. Our church is going strong and is making splendid progress under his able leadership. During his pastorate we have had 88 additions to the church by baptism and letter. We have built a Sunday School annex to the church and it is paid for. We have reworked the main auditorium and installed ceiling fans throughout the building. The contributions to the Lord's work have been greater than ever before in the history of the church. Our Sunday School, Training Union and all organizations are going strong. Our pastor is deeply interested in the boys in service, and is placing a picture of each one of them in the study of the church. He also plans to send each one a Bible.—Reporter.

First church, Jackson, will have the privilege of hearing the following men, who will preach while Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt are away: Aug. 9, Rev. Percy Ray, Home Missionary Board evangelist; August 16, Dr. Hendon M. Harris, missionary to China, now home on furlough; August 23 and 30, Mr. Chester Swor, noted youth leader and speaker.

Antioch Church, Rankin County: We held our annual meeting last week, with Rev. L. G. Sansing of Pelahatchie doing the preaching. This was one of the best meetings we have ever had in this church, resulting in 9 for baptism and 3 by letter. Moody Purvis, of Springfield, led the singing. This church has voted to go on the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record with about sixty subscriptions. The visiting preacher and singer were extended an invitation to come back next year.—W. S. Landrum, Pastor.

Calvary, Greenwood: July offerings exceeded the budget by \$40.65.

We are inspired by the example of several of our men in service. (We now have over seventy members in the army and navy.) Several of these send a tenth of their salary back to their church each month. Nobody can surpass that for loyalty, and the enemy cannot defeat men like that. Let us who are safe at home follow this inspiring example.—Brookhaven Bulletin.

Another possible indication of renewed interest in religion since December 7 is contained in the fan mail addressed to Joe Emerson, whose "Hymns of All Churches" program is heard on NBC, Mondays through Thursdays, at 2:45 p. m., (EWT). Not only has his mail increased steadily in quantity since America's entry into World War II, but Emerson notes in its content a deepening of religious faith. From this country, and from listeners now overseas, Emerson's mail represents all types—soldiers, sailors, office worker, shut-ins, laborers, farmers, executives.

Calvary Church, Greenwood: In the two and one-half months that Dr. O. A. Eure has been at Calvary Church there have been twenty-eight additions; five of them last Sunday.

MISSIONS IN WARTIME

The Watchman-Examiner recently carried the story of missions in wartime, as set forth by Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, showing that some of the most significant movements in modern missions began in the darkest hours of the world.

1792—In the year of the Reign of Terror in Paris, the Baptist Missionary Society was organized, growing out of the efforts of William Carey.

1795—When the wars of the French Revolution were getting under way, the London Missionary Society was organized.

1799—When Napoleon was returning to France from his campaign in Egypt in an effort to break Britain's communications with India, the Church Missionary Society was formed.

1804—About the time that Napoleon was giving the greatest threat of invasion England has had between the Spanish Armada and the Nazi attempt in 1940, the British and Foreign Bible Society was organized.

1810—At a time when New England was distraught by our attempts to maintain our neutrality in the Napoleonic Wars, and on the eve of our second war with Great Britain, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was organized in New England.

1812—While American ports were being blockaded by the British, the first party of American missionaries, of which Adoniram Judson was a member, sailed for India.—Exchange.

BACKWARD, FORWARD, UPWARD

I don't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets;
I leave them all with Him who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward; God seems all the future,
The road that, short or long, will lead me Home,
And He will face with me its every trial
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

But I look up—into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace and every hope fulfilled.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

"If the world from you withhold, of its silver and its gold,
And you have to get along on meager fare,
Just remember in His word, how He feeds the little bird;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
If your body suffers pain, and your health you can't regain,
And your soul is almost sinking in despair,
Jesus knows the pain your feel, He can save and He can heal;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.
When your youthful days are gone, and old age is stealing on,
And your body bends beneath the weight of care,
He will never leave you then, He'll go with you to the end;
Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there."

II

The telegram reprinted below is good news. It means that 350,000 colored Baptists plus nearly 300,000 white Baptists—all of Mississippi—totalling 650,000 Baptists, will be working in a mighty soul-winning crusade at the same time, going out after the 700,000 lost people of our State.

What a challenge! What a cause! Obeying the marching orders of Jesus, as He gave them, while fresh from His cross and grave!

The telegram follows:

WESTERN UNION
VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI
JULY 27 PM 5:16

D A MCCALL
BAPTIST BUILDING JACKSON MISS
GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF
MISSISSIPPI REPRESENTING MORE THAN
350,000 NEGRO BAPTISTS IN MISSISSIPPI VOTED
UNANIMOUSLY AT CLARKDALE ON JULY 24TH
TO JOIN THE 1943 EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE OF
THE WHITE BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI.

A. A. COSEY PRESIDENT

That is EVANGELISM!

III

Some of these days we want to preach a sermon on "The Devil Has a Sore Toe." The devil wanted God's place. Read Isaiah 14:12-17. He didn't get it! In Revelation 12:7-12 he is at it again. Disappointed again, "having great wrath," (sore toe)! He goes out to "spite" God, to defeat God, to dethrone Him in other ways! Read Genesis 3:1-24. He questions with his lies the words, the purpose, the character of God.

It is easy to be piqued! It is easy to get and cultivate "sore toes."

Such folks are all about in social, political, business, church and denominational circles.

Much of the trouble of Southern Baptists has been that somebody didn't get what they wanted. They went off in a "huff"! They acted like the devil!

In isolated sections in Mississippi a little preacher has been disappointed. He now has a "sore toe"! He has become an "anti"! He disturbs the faith of the people and the work of the Lord Jesus. He acts like the devil!

Yes, the "devil has a sore toe."

God's love, mercy, grace, forgiveness—the work of Christ—the only healing ointment!

"Each one of us has a life to live,

A life in the service of Christ to give,

We have feet on errands of love to run,

We have talents to use — ten, five, or one,

We have hands for labor to teach and train,

We have wonderful powers of heart and brain,

One life have you, one life have I,
Let us see that they count as the days go by!"
—Highland Evangel.

IV

Back to Mountain Creek, Rankin county, for a "return" engagement. House about filled. Prayer meeting hour combined with Sunday school fellowship hour. Pastor Milner happy with his folks in the work. This is one of the best rural communities to be found anywhere.

V

The Clear Creek folks, Lafayette county, know how to come to church. The congregations more than filled the house in two services. They know how to follow wise pastoral leadership and cooperate in all the work of our Lord. This is one of the old churches of the State.

Some nine or ten were added to the church. Dr. J. R. G. Hewlett, a builder of churches in a twofold sense is the aggressive pastor. He made forty-one visits to as many homes during the week. Drs. J. W. Lee and F. M. Purser, outstanding churchmen were among visitors at the services.

VI

We were happy in trying to make some small contribution to our church life, and helping a fine pastor, in supplying at Clinton. Congregations were good in hot vacation season. The song services were worshipful. You should hear Dr. Sumrall lead them in singing, "Holy Spirit Breathe on Me."

Dr. Nelson was helpful in presiding. Large groups of visitors were present from Jackson.

A great fellowship. Psal. 133:1.

VII

Rev. Percy Magee, ministerial student at Mississippi College reports a splendid Vacation Bible school at Waxhaw Baptist Church, Bolivar county. This was their first VBS as the church was organized about one year ago. Thirty-eight persons were enrolled with an average attendance of thirty-three. There was one profession of faith.

THIS IS SOME MORE STATE MISSIONS!
However, it is also an example of working together with God. That is true in most of our work. The Sunday School Board, The Baptist Record, and the Cooperative Program, all make contributions along with the major effort by the church.

It is likely true that Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Orphanage and other denominational agencies would get less than half the financial support they receive, but for the publicity given in The Baptist Record. The Baptist Record through the years has been quite generously supported by the Cooperative Program. Therefore, the Cooperative Program makes the larger contribution to a given cause than is represented by the actual number of dollars passed along to it.

VIII

State Missions

On the rim of one of our cities a section was found some distance from existent churches where three of five families were Baptist. Only one of ten families had any vital church connections. Families living there for two years and more had not been called on by any church visitors. Baptist families from Texas, Alabama and other states were found who had been lost to His work since coming to the city.

Your State Mission Department had the privilege of helping support a lengthy series of praise, prayer and preaching services in that section.

THAT IS STATE MISSIONS!

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Johnston Station: We have just closed our revival. Rev. James Thorn of Pricedale did the preaching. There were ten additions, seven for baptism.—C. O. Stegall, pastor.

Moss Point: Our people greatly enjoyed the sermons of Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia in our recent revival meeting. We received sixteen for baptism and six by letter.—J. F. Brock.

First church, Jackson: During the first six months of 1942, we received into our membership 172 persons. Of these, 124 came by letter and 48 on profession of faith.—Reporter.

Rev. J. R. Eubanks, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Greenville, assisted Brother Stewart in a meeting at East Salem church last week. He is at Bruce this week with Brethren Haire and Meadows.

A SUGGESTED UNIFIED SERVICE FOR SUNDAY MORNING

By G. S. Swadley

- Missionary Blue River and Butler Associations.
9:15 Opening Service (by departments where space is available).
9:27 Discussion of the Sunday School Lesson (no lectures).
10:00 General Assembly (general superintendent in charge until time for the sermon).
10:03 Secretary's Report.
10:05 Prelude (choir marches in).
Doxology.
Prayer.
Response.
Congregational Hymn.
Offering.
Responsive Reading (pastor leading).
Anthem.
10:25 Sermon by the Pastor.
10:55 Invitational Hymn.
11:00 Closing Prayer.
Postlude.

The above order of service may be altered to meet various situations. The point we would contend for is that the services begin earlier and dismiss earlier than we now generally have and that all duplication be eliminated. We never will have a unified service as long as we have two song services, two scripture lessons, two collections, announcements twice, two presiding officers, two closing songs, and two benedictions.

There should be a separate worship service for primaries and beginners.

If we could have our Sunday morning services earlier and get out earlier, eliminate all duplication, have a separate service for those under nine, use the 6-point record system, and deepen the spirituality of our people for ten years it would solve the problem of staying for preaching on Sunday morning.—(By Request).

BR

PACKING MY GRIP FOR THE HOMEWARD TRIP FROM RIDGECREST

Mrs. W. E. Summers

First, I gather the ideas I brought—
They may be wrinkled for a change has been wrought.

Then new plans—like souvenirs bought
For those at home; I'll take new thoughts,
New power, gained from lifting up my eyes to the hills.

From meditating upon the majesty of
The mountains, I found new strength.
An over-powering feeling of the Spirit divine
As one breathes the fresh morning air.

Next, I shall pack a large portion of enthusiasm
Which abounds at Ridgcrest.
I love the stir and bustle of life—
All moving with rhythmic precision
For one great cause—God's glory!
As I have gathered shells along the sea
So shall I gather grace, joy and peace
That hold and reflect all the colors of the rainbow
of promise,
A new hope of things eternal.

When I have packed most carefully these valuable
possessions
I shall bind them securely
With hands of love, strengthened by
The bands of friendship of both old and new-found
friends.
Then placing the golden key of prayer
So very near my heart,
I shall return to the valley
Ready to do my part.

Ridgcrest Sunday School Week, 1942.

BR

Rev. Thurman Booth recently assisted Rev. V. C. Walker in a revival meeting at Union Baptist Church in Pike county. There were fifteen additions to this great old fourth-time church and a real church revival.—Reporter.

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Taylorsville: Mrs. J. C. Moore reports a good Vacation Bible School, with a daily average of 61. The offering was \$5.43.

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AND LIFTED HIM UP (Mark 9:27)

For the man who simply reads his Bible as a duty or because he is ashamed not to, the above words will not create much interest, nor will they be likely to arouse thought or provoke discussion. But, if we will stop for a minute and think over the whole passage, instantly there will be found a lesson that should help us onward and upward.

We can imagine the grandeur of that green carpeted mountain, and we can see in our mind, Peter and John and James and Christ as they slowly wend their way up the winding trails and around the cliffs and through its gorgeous foliage. Suddenly before them, the garments of Jesus became whiter than any artist can paint or portray. A voice came out of the cloud and said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." Moses and Elias depart and the bewildered disciples in company with Jesus come again to the crowd. A father there begs that his son be delivered from the evil spirit that is giving much trouble, keeping his son always in danger. That is one characteristic of the devil. He always keeps us in hot water. Just as long as you keep letting the devil have any say-so over you, you will continue to have trouble. You may lay your troubles to bad luck or lack of rain or misfortune or what you will, but the devil is the "boss bad luck bringer."

After some questions as to why the disciples, who had been left at the foot of the mountain, had not cured the son, Jesus "took him by the hand and lifted him up." O! that everyone would make those words their every day motto.

Back of everything there is a motive. If a man is on trial for murder, the motive is what determines whether he shall go free, or to jail or to the penitentiary, or be electrocuted.

Back of this lifting up that Jesus did was the motive of service. He began His public ministry by aiding a young man in the deepest distress (at the wedding feast). What He saw at this wedding feast was a bridegroom in mental distress. He pictures to Himself a beautiful bride enduring the gossiping glances of her associates. And there He worked His first miracle by turning water into wine. He did this, not for glory, not for praise, not for the admiration of friends, but His idea was to be of service to His fellowman. Probably the bridegroom or the bride were friends of His and He wanted to be of service to them. His whole life was a life of service for others. He could have remained in heaven on His throne and let the human race go on its mad course to destruction. No duty called Him. No force could compel. It was the big motive of service and love that sent Him from a throne of glory to a life of service.

At the feeding of the five thousand we see Him exemplifying the idea of serving others. The crowd had followed Him through the day. The sun had come over them. Hunger was gnawing and making itself felt and Jesus looking with pity upon the crowd, did His best to serve them. He worked the miracle of serving not Himself, but the human race.

Pharoah with all his gilded elegance and glittering gold, surrounded with all that money could procure, had a dream. He sent for the little hirelings who were in his employ, ready to do his slightest bidding for his gold. They called themselves magicians. They claimed to be able to interpret the dreams, the thoughts, the things of this world. But this dream baffled all their combined powers. Finally in desperation they admitted that they could not tell Pharoah the meaning of his dream. There is a man who can tell the meaning of those dreams. Pharoah is told of him. He sends for Joseph and hears the meaning of his dreams. The one who interprets his dream is none other than the little Hebrew boy who had been sold to traders by his cruel and bloodthirsty brothers.

Why should he have to suffer separation from his father and mother and the rest of his loved ones for years? Why should he have to endure prison life when he should be back at home with his people? Why should he be trying to get along in a foreign land while his people sojourned in plenty at home? Why should God send that bewildering dream to the monarch of all Egypt? It was to serve the yet unborn Hebrews and be the means of preserving the most interesting race the world has yet known. God was serving the Jews, not Himself. His motto, too, was, AND HE LIFTED HIM UP. He was continually helping either a race or a nation or a town or a man.

The greatest men recorded in history have been those men who tried to serve others, or in other words, to LIFT UP. With some people it seems to be the notion that when a man is down, the proper procedure is to keep him down. Just let the least hint of financial difficulty leak out and everybody makes it their business to try to help him on a little further toward bankruptcy. When we pass the drunkard in the streets, having filled up on hellish liquor, instead of offering the lifting hand to him, we often look upon him not with pity, but with disdain.

How appropriate is that poem by Sir John Lubbock:

"If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went—
Then you may count that day well spent."

For as a few lines that we clipped remind us:

"We live in deeds not years,
In thoughts not breaths,
In feelings, not figures on a dial.

"We should count time by the heart throbs.
He most lives who thinks most,
Feels the noblest, acts the best."

Dwight L. Moody was not a great preacher in the sense of preaching great sermons. I know plenty of country preachers who can write as good a sermon as he. But, his whole life was devoted to lifting people up. When he saw a man down and out, he made it his business to try to lift him up and in.

There never was a time when we needed so much lifting as right now. Many of the boys of our country are sailing over the Seven Seas, landing on the strange and death-ridden shores of every continent, and with a few weeks training, will take their places in the line, and in the air, and after a while, "Go over the top," face the murderous fire of bullets and bombs, die on strange and yet unnamed battlefields far away from home, and be buried in an unknown land. Mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters are going to be down deep in the mire of despair and distress. They are going to need encouragement and help; they are going to need comfort in many forms. Let's lift them up.

And then there are young Christians that need the lifting hand. There are boys and girls around us who need someone to give them a word of encouragement, or help, or advice instead of biting, bitter criticism. If we, as men and women and boys and girls, who profess to be Christians would follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and stretch out more often the lifting hand, we would not have so many of our number who grow cold in the church.

The Rev. J. R. Eubanks asks that John Davis be remembered in the story of his church for had it not been for Mr. Davis there might never have been a Second Baptist Church. It was through his efforts in bringing the matter before the State Mission Board back prior to December 11, 1937, that gave Greenville the mission pastor, the Rev. J. R. Eubanks. "He has worked with us during our entire organization," the Rev. Eubanks explains, "and he continues to help us."

Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

THE PART THE RURAL CHURCH PLAYS IN OUR DENOMINATION

By Percy Ray

Home Mission Board Evangelist

The rural church has furnished our denomination's leadership through the years. The most of our leaders and pastors who rank the highest in the Southern Baptist Convention have been won to Christ by the efforts of the small village and rural churches. By an investigation you will find that most of the best leadership in our town and city churches were influenced to salvation by the efforts of the rural church; I mean by the leadership—people who are deacons, superintendents, teachers, officers, and best givers. Then most of our defenders of the faith and strongest contenders for the doctrine of the true Missionary Baptist Church have come from the rural churches.

It is true that our country churches haven't given much money to the denomination but on the other hand by an investigation it will be found that most of our best contributors to the denominational work were influenced to salvation by the rural churches and preachers. On the other hand I know by experience that our rural and village churches would give far more than they do if we had the proper leadership for them. The most loyal and most sacrificial givers in our denomination would be the rural people if they were properly led. They will give far more in proportion to their means than our city people.

If our denomination is to continue its growth the rural and village churches will have to continue because of two reasons. First, on account of the crowded living conditions and high expenses which cause both men and women to have to work to meet the living expense, the call and demand of social life, and places of entertainment, the city parents are bringing very few children into the world. In fact, there are not enough children born to city parents to replace the city population. On the other hand, the most parents in the rural sections have from three to fifteen children born into their homes, therefore we will have to continue to look to the rural section for the repopulation of the city. Shall we let them go into the city unsaved and find their places in the worldly amusements and sinful gathering places or shall we send them into our cities saved by His grace with a passion for lost people and a desire to continue the work of our Lord in His church?

Our government has already begun to move families back to the rural sections to feed and house them. Many of them are coming back because the mechanical age in which we live is fast putting people out of work in the industrial areas. They are having to move to the country to live. Here they can live by growing most of their own food supplies and their living expenses are so much less in every way. The country has become a different place because so many modern conveniences are easily had in the country home. As our people return to the country through the government projects and on their own accord the rural and village churches must take care of them. These people who are coming back with many who are already there are used to the dance halls, moving picture shows, parks, public gathering places, and many other places where they make social contact and are entertained while passing off their leisure hours. This presents a real problem for the rural church. We will have to meet their desire for social contact, amusements, and passing of leisure hours with a real spiritual and inviting church program. If we do this we will have to have a trained ministry. Let us pray for more of our young men who are trained to give their lives to the country church task or else our denomination is going to suffer many losses. Let us give of ourselves, money and prayers to the task of saving His church for Jesus' sake.

OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

TOWARD A TRIUMPHANT LIFE

Suffering and danger are at least two of the stepping-stones to a triumphant life. Nobody gets very far along life's way before he learns that this is so.

Suffering, for example, exists in the world as a refining process. We can never comprehend the love of God without suffering of some sort, because suffering is at the very heart of God's dealings with His children. It is certainly true that one must personally suffer before he can "weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who do rejoice." When a mother who sat by the crib of her dead child was asked who she would have to conduct its funeral, her reply was, "A minister who has himself lost a child." Even the Captain of our salvation, we are told, was made "perfect through suffering."

The same is true with nations. It could be shown a hundred times over in history that nations have been purified by the things which they suffer. It was true time and again with ancient Israel and it has been true in Christian history. It is in times of turmoil, and sorrow, that nations turn back to God. And not infrequently, it can be shown, that nothing short of the suffering and sorrows incident to war have been sufficient to bring about this desired end. Let us devoutly hope that the same may be true with America today.

Meantime, be it remembered, it is not just suffering that makes us radiant and triumphant. The radiance is the result of the Divine love in the light of which we look at what we suffer. Suffering does not necessarily make a person good. Rather, it takes a good person to endure suffering triumphantly. Job was intrusted with a great sorrow and much suffering because he was a good man and he set the world an all-time example as to how other men ought to behave themselves when sorrow, suffering and heart-breaking disappointment come.

Danger is another stepping-stone toward a triumphant life. God has put us in a world which is certainly not free from danger. Whether in walking, riding, flying, swimming, or a misstep, on the street or in the home there is always danger near. or do we, as a rule, dislike this situation. Indeed, there are men who, not satisfied with an ordinary life, take to big game hunting, mountain climbing, or racing automobiles or airplanes for the sheer love of danger. They say it is the very salt of life.

In this connection, our newspapers give much light. We read of a woman who spilled boiling water on herself rather than injure her child; of a man who crashed through a barrier over an embankment rather than have a head-on collision with another car and injure or kill other people. Oh how men need to learn that it is through much suffering and danger and tribulation that they move toward and finally achieve the triumphant life both as individuals and as a nation! And it is through that rather than through peace, ease, superficial pleasures, a stupified satisfaction with spiritual progress and a deadly complacency that the Kingdom of God will eventually come.—Alabama Baptist.

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All that I have taught of art, everything that I have written, every greatness that there has been in any thought of mine, whatever I have done in my life, has been simply due to the fact that when I was a child my mother daily read with me a part of the Bible, and daily made me learn a part of it by heart.—John Ruskin.

1941 Per Capita Record

Sometime ago we ran lists of 100 of our Mississippi Baptist churches leading in various contributions to the causes of Christ as recorded in the Convention Board office. In response to questions, our bookkeeping department herewith presents the per capita contributions of many of these churches. Membership records were obtained from the latest association minutes.

This is our "thank you" to the large and smaller churches, and our "challenge" to all.

The list follows:

Church	Total Gifts	Membership	Per Capita
Walnut Grove (Leake)	\$ 5,114.39	207	\$24.71
Tupelo, Calvary	7,713.47	785	9.80
Mt. Carmel, Noxapater	1,084.37	120	9.04
Lyon	1,249.69	142	8.80
Sardis, Panola	1,804.25	213	8.47
Leland	6,251.60	746	8.38
Hattiesburg, First	9,079.74	1494	6.08
Bay Springs	1,622.21	289	5.57
Byhalia	548.51	105	5.22
Marks	1,069.00	207	5.11
Canton, First	3,243.37	646	5.02
Pickens	632.76	126	5.02
Kewanee	439.40	88	4.99
Clinton	5,246.32	1056	4.97
West Point, First	4,348.69	896	4.85
Prentiss	1,915.86	402	4.76
Meridian, Poplar Springs	1,468.30	315	4.71
Inverness	1,319.86	282	4.68
Batesville	907.09	194	4.67
Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	905.03	201	4.50
Drew	2,296.30	520	4.41
Moss Point, First	1,448.54	331	4.38
Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain	3,655.69	846	4.32
Laurel, First	5,284.38	1241	4.25
Jackson, First	16,244.40	3835	4.24
Louisville	2,609.23	635	4.11
Tylertown	2,431.03	593	4.10
Belzoni	2,149.97	535	4.02
Magee	1,727.75	434	3.98
Webb	702.20	178	3.94
Brooksville	692.76	177	3.91
Vicksburg, First	5,558.15	1436	3.87
Greenwood, First	4,984.67	1309	3.81
Sumner	525.00	138	3.80
Grenada, First	3,585.94	987	3.63
Sunflower	718.79	199	3.61
Calhoun City	1431.91	430	3.33
Meridian, First	7,971.45	2068	3.32
Holly Springs	1,517.45	458	3.31
Ripley	935.40	284	3.29
Brookhaven, First	5,187.51	1552	3.27
Forest	1,695.61	530	3.20
Indianola	1,568.02	496	3.16
Seminary	438.06	140	3.13
Picayune	2,615.64	862	3.03
Kosciusko, First	2,117.31	744	2.84
Jackson, Calvary	6,830.04	2411	2.83
McComb, First	5,085.49	1840	2.75
Carthage	574.85	211	2.72
Steen's Creek (Rankin)	936.03	346	2.71
Walker Hanks, Shaw	741.72	276	2.69
Charleston	1,595.78	599	2.66
Booneville	1,059.99	409	2.59
Philadelphia (Neshoba)	2,070.34	797	2.51
Durant	1,317.14	534	2.47
Galilee, Gloster	852.55	349	2.44
Pontotoc	1,967.47	813	2.42
Newton	1,453.84	625	2.33
Crystal Springs	2,279.89	981	2.32
Richton	984.08	444	2.22
Cleveland	1,326.00	607	2.18
Coldwater, Central (Tate)	339.45	156	2.17
Jackson, Parkway	1,696.87	784	2.16
Hattiesburg, Main Street	2,144.59	1014	2.11
Itta Bena	572.06	274	2.09
Hollandale	780.80	375	2.08
Starkville	1,991.67	957	2.08
Lucedale	936.32	455	2.06
Hickory	499.99	245	2.04
Greenville, First	3,149.28	1580	1.99
Hazlehurst	1,241.06	667	1.98
Ruleville	677.74	348	1.95
Corinth, First	1,894.22	976	1.94
Salem, Covington	833.32	432	1.93
Oxford, First	1,350.60	711	1.90
Hernando	524.87	280	1.87
Meridian, Highland	1166.72	627	1.86
Carriere	551.56	297	1.86
Port Gibson	467.42	256	1.83
Clarksdale	2,561.42	1416	1.81
Mendenhall	873.78	487	1.80
Union, Newton	815.63	461	1.77
Columbus, First	4,082.40	2309	1.72
Gulport, First	2,566.63	1515	1.69
New Albany	1,696.02	1007	1.68
Raymond	384.19	239	1.67
Lexington	479.46	290	1.65
Collin	587.13	355	1.65
Morton	721.10	438	1.65
Ellisville	683.32	422	1.62
Amory	883.85	558	1.58
Laurel, Second Ave.	1,296.17	820	1.58
Poplarville	927.85	617	1.50
Utica	570.34	381	1.50

Rev. Bragg Goes to Bristow, Okla.

Sunday, July 9, closed the Carthage pastorate of Rev. P. D. Bragg. He is to begin his new pastorate at Bristow, Oklahoma, on August 15. Pastor Bragg



REV. P. D. BRAGG

has done an exceedingly good work at Carthage during his nine years' pastorate. For the first three years it was a one-half time field with Pickens, where he moved upon graduation from the Seminary. In 1936 a nice brick veneer parsonage was built and paid for at Carthage. He then moved on the field and led the church into a full-time program, placing the Cooperative

Program in the budget of the church and stopping fund soliciting by a committee. During these nine years the membership has almost doubled. And it is estimated that 75% of the income of the members of the church is being tithed through the church. The church debt is practically paid and for several years the pastor's salary was paid in advance.

Pastor Bragg also led in raising money to build a Choctaw Indian Baptist Church two miles from Carthage and a Negro Baptist Church in Carthage. Until then there had never been a Negro Baptist Church in the town of Carthage.

For six years, Brother Bragg has served as moderator of the association, organized one church and helped to organize two others.

His Mississippi friends regret to see him go to Oklahoma, but congratulate Oklahoma on getting one of their good pastors.

—BR—

THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

I believe the Bible should be an open book in every home. We need family altars. After preaching on the family altar one Sunday morning, one of my deacons went home and announced at the dinner table that they were going to have family prayers. He took out a Bible and began to read. He got along all right until he started to pray. He had never prayed before in the presence of his children, who were nine and eleven years old. He tried to pray, but the prayer would not come. The little girl began to titter, and then the boy began to titter. The mother smiled, and he was a good sport and smiled too. It ended with all laughing. He did not let the children know how his heart was broken. He went to his room and got down on his face and asked God to forgive him. At the supper table that evening, he again opened his Bible and read; and then he knelt down and prayed with his children, and there was no tittering. There was a sweetness, and after prayer the little girl put her arms around her father's neck and thanked him. He had brought something precious into that home.

I heard a freshman get up in a group of young people in Montreat, N. C., and say, "I have missed something in my life. My father and mother have never read to me out of the Bible nor prayed with me." I would rather have my right hand cut off than have my child get up in front of five hundred people and say that about me.—Iverson in Moody Monthly.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
By Bracey Campbell

Lesson For August 16.
Bible Text: Genesis 26

Introduction.

Lay this paper down now, and read Genesis 26. One hundred times over have I told you through this column to spend ten times as much time in reading the Bible text and in meditating upon it as you spend in reading anything I have to say in reading about it. Read Genesis 26!

This chapter is a study in relationships. Our relationships determine the capital, physical, intellectual and moral with which we begin and continue the business of life. Every one of you sustains a relationship to the home in which he or she grew up. When you say of a man that he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So, those who are acquainted with his parents and with the home in which those parents have bred their child already know a great deal as to what that child is capable of becoming. In Atlanta a deacon discussing a lady of silver voice who was singing in the church, remarked that, knowing the streams of life which met in her, he was prepared to say that she was capable of becoming either the best or the worst in that city's life.

Then each one of us sustains a relationship to the members of the family of which he or she becomes head, a relationship which is as impossible for anyone of us to avoid or neglect as it is for us to stop breathing and continue to live. Again we sustain relationships to the society in which we live unless we become, each of us, a companionless hermit. Our associates have a right to expect of us certain services which we are bound to render. Again we have relationships to the properties entrusted to us as the stewards of the one great Owner and last of all, we have relationships to God which we dare not seek to evade if we would live normal lives. In Isaac we study a man who is in some measure an example in all these relationships.

I. ISAAC IN A TIME OF FAMINE, Genesis 26:1-11.

Came a famine, came a drought in the land of Isaac's residence and he fell upon the expedient employed by his father, that is, he planned to leave the country. He undoubtedly planned to migrate to Egypt where food was plentiful and the grazing lands were lush with grass but the God of his father interposed and commanded Isaac to remain in his own land. His God seems to have commanded Isaac to exercise a larger measure of faith in the care and love and providence of God. I suppose there are times when all of us suffer from the need that impelled Isaac to plan a move. Our moral courage fails and we suffer from a lack of a larger faith in God. We strive to turn aside when God would have us go straight ahead. We plan a retreat when God's will for us is that we advance with Him. Many a time we retire from the field of battle defeated when faith in God would have been the victory over the opposition. I think it is a fortunate

thing that Isaac obeyed God and remained in the land where God had settled him; for God renewed unto him the covenant that He had made with Abraham.

We have here an episode in the life of Isaac, possessing for us some teaching value. He lied to the king of the Philistines exactly the same lie of Abraham to the king of Egypt. Can you deduce from this incident the principle that the weakness of the father descend unto the son? The lie that Isaac told concerning his wife was framed in the very words that his father employed in the lie that he told Pharaoh concerning his mother. Do the sins of the father descend unto the son? Does the son inherit the weaknesses of the father? If the answer to these questions in "yes" does that answer have practical meaning to you?

II. ISAAC IN PROSPERITY—Genesis 26:12-15.

Lay the paper down and read this passage. Now ask yourself the source of Isaac's prosperity. Was it God? Was it Isaac? If it was God, what part did Isaac have in it? Must there be co-operation between man and God in any successful life? God furnished Isaac with productive land. Could God have produced Isaac's crop without Isaac? God gave Isaac directive capacities. Could God have prospered Isaac if Isaac had not employed his capacities as manager in partnership with God?

III. ISAAC IN EXILE. Genesis 26:16-23.

Isaac's neighbors became jealous of him, they envied him his prosperity so the king of Gerar requested Isaac to move from the king's vicinity and Isaac went into regions which his father before him had grazed with his herds. Abraham had digged wells from whose waters he sustained himself and his cattle. Isaac cleaned out those wells, they having been filled up by the Philistines. Now a well of water in a thirsty land is a means of blessing to all the inhabitants thereof. The digging of those wells was, in the first place, a good work and here we see a son establishing the good works of his father but the doing of this good work heightened the envy of Isaac's enemies in that country. Would you be willing to say that the performance of good works by the children of the Lord always piques the jealousy and rouses the opposition of the enemies of God? Must those who strive to establish the good things they have inherited from their faithful fathers be prepared to meet the opposition of the enemies of the good?

IV. ISAAC RECEIVES RENEWED PROMISES. Genesis 26:24-25.

So the God of Abraham came to Isaac when he had performed the will of God. Is it ever thus when God's children obey Him, does He come to them to give them renewed assurance of His love? Do you think there was anything God could do for Isaac worth more to Isaac than this occasion of fellowship with God? Is there anything else God can give His people of as much value to them as His gift to them of Himself? When Isaac built an altar unto God He simply established a meeting place where he might have and enjoy occasions of fellowship with the divine.

V. ISAAC'S ENEMIES MAKE PEACE WITH HIM. Genesis 26:26-33.

Read this passage once and again. Note how the Gerar missed Isaac

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when he had gone and how the very prosperity of Isaac which had aroused the king's envy became the evidence to the envious king of God's favor upon Isaac. Note how the king came to desire the friendship of the man thus obviously in favor with God. "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." It might be well to note that, in all their dealings, Isaac maintained a meek and peaceful attitude toward his jealous neighbor. He yielded one well after another and removed her herds farther and farther away, giving no cause for strife in all his dealings with his neighbor. VI. ISAAC'S SHAME IN ESAU. Genesis 26:34-35.

Esau chose unwisely in the matter of his wife. There is an ancient proverb that, "A young man married is a young man marred." I think this proverb is an utterance of arrant folly. A man of any age, well married, is a man largely made. A man of any age, ill-married, is a man marred indeed, and Esau's error was not that he married but that he made a fool's choice in his wives and this folly upon Esau's part is accentuated by the fact that he was forty years old when he made it. A man who has arrived at that age has, if he ever will, come to the years of discretion. Poor Esau was of the character of man who could do this thing for the doing of which the author of Hebrews calls him "a fornicator." Here endeth the lesson.

—BR—

The man who has so much business of his own that he cannot attend to the business of the Lord has more business than any man should have.

New Maid: "How do I announce dinner? Do I say 'Dinner is ready?' or 'Dinner is served?'"
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CONTINUED STUDIES IN JEREMIAH

17. The Fall of Jerusalem and Return to Egypt. Jeremiah 40-44.

Chapter 39 tells of the capture of Jerusalem but the commander of the guard left in the land of Judah a number of poor people, who had nothing and at the same time gave them vineyards and fields. Jeremiah had been released from prison and was given his choice to go to Babylon or to stay with those who were left, and he chose to stay among the people that were left in the land. Gedaliah was appointed governor over the cities of Judah. For a brief period everything seemed to promise well, but troublous times soon followed. Gedaliah was slain by Ishmael who attempted to carry away captive all the the rest of the people to the Ammonites. Johanan gathered his scattered forces and rescued the captives and went and stayed in the neighborhood of Bethlehem, intending to go on to Egypt. It was here they inquired of Jeremiah what the will of God for them was, promising obedience to whatsoever Jeremiah might say. After ten days the prophet declared that the will of God for them was, that they should remain in the land, and solemnly warned them against going into Egypt. Unmindful of their promise Johanan and those who were with them, refused to obey, and set out for Egypt, taking all the remnant of Judah, the men, the women and children, all the king's daughters, and also Jeremiah and Baruch, the prophet's amanuenses.

Nine hundred years before, God, with a high hand and outstretched arm of love and compassion, had delivered this nation from the yoke of Pharaoh. Turn to Exodus 15:1-19 now, and read the triumph song of deliverance that Moses led the children of Israel to sing. From tyranny, suffering, degradation, a people was delivered and found freedom, and ennoblement, only at last to return to the place from which they escaped in conditions far more hopeless and helpless than those of the days before their deliverance. This is a strange and continuous tendency in human life and human history—a forgetfulness of the lessons of history, and a turning back in spite of those lessons, to the places and conditions of past oppression and degradation.

There is in our own times a tendency to mock at the narrowness of the Puritans, and to lust after a licentious freedom from all restraint. There is the red light of Sabbath breaking, licentiousness, greed, injustice, and prostitution, etc., staring us in the face as a people today. Are we headed toward Egypt?

Fear filled the hearts of those people instead of faith. Wherever there is faith, fear is absent. Why were they driven by the spirit of fear? The answer is found in these words, "They obeyed not the voice of Jehovah."

The Word of God came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes. They had arrived in Egypt but God's Word is still persistent. God never leaves Himself without witness. O for a heart big enough to comprehend the love of God for His children! What an illustration of the infinite and unfailing compassion, always willing to receive us as we will turn our faces back to Him.

There is no refuge for the soul of man, no harbor of safety for material life, other than the throne of God.

Are we looking to planes, bombs, ships, submarines, ammunition, etc., for our safety, or are we depending on God for our deliverance? The Psalmist said, "Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will make mention of the name of Jehovah our God."

18. Group of Prophecies Against Heathen Nations. 46-51.

Chapter 44 contains the last prophecy of Jeremiah concerning the peculiar people of God. The

last six chapters have to do with the surrounding nations and may have been delivered at various times during the long period of his ministry.

The book of Jeremiah is characterized in some ways by an almost appalling gloom. The history in the background is that of human failures, due to rebellion against the Throne of God. On the other hand, as we stand by the side of the prophet of God, the onward look is never hopeless. Here God is ever seen "keeping watch over His own."

Let us discover anew the care, the mercy, and the grace of God as Ruler in the affairs of men and of nations.

A Letter to Presidents of W. M. U's.

Dear Friend:

A few days ago we mailed you the material for our State Mission Season of Prayer, September 14-17. You will find that the committee planned for the emphasis to be on Prayer and Consecration. My hope for every president is that she will take time to study the program thoroughly before putting the material into the hands of a program committee. I believe this procedure will help you to lead your women to a deeper realization of God's dealings with His people and of our opportunity for richer service.

We have not dealt with facts and figures concerning the needs of State Missions but we have enclosed a tract, "Mississippi Our Judea," by Dr. McCall that will give you valuable information to work into your program.

"The Record of W. M. U. Gifts For Foreign and Home Missions" is an interesting study and shows a marvelous increase in gifts to those Seasons of Prayer. I want that question mark under State Missions to help you to lead your women and young people to match your State Mission offering with your Home Mission offering last March. If you will do this we will bring the largest offering we have ever had for our State Mission program.

The enclosed self-searching questions are for each individual. We have sent only a few but drop us a card for the number wanted for the individuals that desire one. I believe it would be a good plan to give one to each woman who promises to use it. Give to each woman also, an offering envelope in advance.

These are serious and trying times in which we live. We want to hear what our Father has to say to us concerning our task in the place where we are. He is speaking to our hearts just as faithfully as He spoke to Jeremiah ages ago. We will be faithful to not "diminish a word."

Sincerely yours,

FANNIE TRAYLOR.

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NOTES FROM A LAYMAN'S GREEK TESTAMENT. This book was written by Ernest Gordon, son of the well known Dr. A. J. Gordon. It is a series of meditations and exegesis. It should be helpful and interesting to any New Testament student. The publisher is W. A. Wilde Company of Boston and the price is \$2.00.

THE CONFLICT WITHIN MYSELF by Dr. Earl V. Pierce, former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and published by Flemming H. Revell Company, is a book of good sermons. And is far better than the usual printed sermons. They are not light reading. Anyone wanting to read them carefully would be well repaid. The price is \$1.50.

Calvary Baptist Church, the largest EVERY FAMILY Church in the state, continues to make progress along all lines. Total offerings for July, 1942, were \$795.12 more than for the same month of 1941.

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Mt. Moriah church, Choctaw county: Rev. R. A. Morris of Newton will assist Pastor J. W. Kitchens in a meeting at Mt. Moriah during the week of August 10.

1942 ASSOCIATIONS

We list below Associations according to dates and places of meeting, as follows:

Association, date, place of meeting:
Grenada—August 27, Holcomb church.
Benton—September 8, Pine Grove church.
Prentiss—September 8, Wheeler church.
Lafayette—September 8, Abbeville church.
Monroe—September 9, Smithville church.
Tippah—September 9, Academy church.
Alcorn—September 9-10, Liberty Hill church.
Yalobusha—September 9-10, Oakland church.
Marshall—September 10, Carey Chapel church.
Tate—September 10, Hopewell church (Arkabutla).
Lee—September 10-11, Calvary church, Tupelo.
Itawamba—September 11-12, Evergreen church.
Lebanon—September 15-16, Oral church.
Calhoun—September 16, Bruce church.
Panola—September 18, Tocowa church.
Tallahatchie—September 18, Friendship church.
Jasper—September 22-23, Edon church.
Zion—September 23-24, Bradford Chapel church.
Carroll—September 25, Liberty church.
Bolivar—September 29, Shaw church.
Madison—September 29, New Hope church.
Rankin—September 30, Hickory Ridge church.
Sunflower—October 1, Fairview church.
Oktibbeha—October 1, Bethesda church.
Hinds-Warren—October 2, Van Winkle church.
Kemper—October 2, Salem church.
Liberty—October 3, Bucatunna church.
Jackson—October 6, Wade church.
Choctaw—October 6-7, Spring Hill church.
Tishomingo—October 6-7, Highland church.
Holmes—October 7-8, West church.
Lawrence—October 7-8, Carmel church.
Covington—October 8, Mt. Horeb church.
Lauderdale—October 8-9, Midway church.
Leake—October 8-9, Thomastown.
Neshoba—October 8-9, Hope church.
Pearl River—October 8-9, Picayune, First church.
Perry—October 8-9, Beaumont church.
Winston—October 8-9, Hopewell church.
Mississippi—October 8-9, Galilee church.
Clarke—October 9, Enterprise church.
Deer Creek—October 12-13, Greenville, Second church.
Clay—October 13, Montpelier church.
Union County—October 13-14, Harmony church.
Walthall—October 13-14, Magee's Creek church.
Leflore—October 13, Calvary church, Greenwood.
Smith—October 14, Rose Hill church.
Lincoln—October 14-15, Heuck's Retreat church.
Newton—October 14-15, Chunky church.
Marion—October 15, Cedar Grove church.
Pike—October 15, Silver Creek church.
Riverside—October 15, Tunica church.
Union—October 15, Beech Grove church.
Yazoo—October 15, Hebron church.
Chickasaw—October 15-16, Amity church.
Pontotoc—October 15-16, Furrs church.
Scott—October 15-16, Springfield church.
Attala—October 16, Yockanookany church.
New Choctaw—October 16-17-18, Hope church.
Columbus—October 20, Mt. Zion church.
Montgomery—October 20, Bethsaida church.
Gulf Coast—October 20-21, Gulfport Grace Memorial church.
Simpson—October 20-21, Macedonia church.
DeSoto—October 21, State Line church.
Jones—October 21-22, Hebron church.
Copiah—October 22, Crystal Springs church.
Noxubee—October 22, Shuqualak church.
Franklin—October 22, Damascus church.
Jeff Davis—October 22-23, Bassfield church.
Wayne—October 23, Waynesboro church.
Greene—October 29, Indian Hill church.

FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS 1936-1941

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Average net annual increase of enrollment	80,765
(7) Training Union Work:	
Total number of Unions and Story Hours, 1941	54,798
Net increase in B. T. U. units, five years	21,091
Annual net increase in BTU units	4,218
Total members enrolled in B. T. U. and Story Hours	950,997
Net increase in B. T. U. membership	257,811
Average annual net increase in B. T. U. membership	51,562
Total study course awards issued, six years	1,468,593
(8) Church Property:	
Total value of all church property, 1941	\$232,944,315
Net increase of church property, five years	29,474,834
Average annual net increase	5,894,966
Total church houses in 1941	23,648
Net increase in church houses, five years	1,095
Average annual increase in church houses	219
Total pastors' homes in 1941	4,349
Net increase in pastors' homes, five years	644
Average annual increase in pastors' homes	129
(9) Woman's Missionary Union:	
Total W. M. U. organizations in 1941	41,719
Net increase in W. M. U. organizations, five years	7,491
Average annual increase in W. M. U. organizations	1,498
Total W. M. U. membership enrolled, 1941	768,976
Net increase in W. M. U. membership, five years	173,124
Average annual increase in membership	34,625
W. M. U. total contributions, 1941	\$3,286,252
Increase over total gifts in 1936	1,120,466
Average annual increase, five years	224,093
(10) Brotherhood Work:	
This is the first tabulation yet made of the Brotherhood work. It shows the following:	
Associational Brotherhood organizations	346
Church organizations of Brotherhood work	2,735
Men enrolled in church Brotherhoods	80,512
(11) Contributions:	
Total contributions, all purposes, 1941	\$44,857,607
Net increase over total contributions, 1936	15,668,920
Annual average gain in total contributions	3,133,784
Contributions to local work of churches, 1941	37,035,267
Net increase contributions to local work	12,833,465
Annual average increase in contributions to local work	2,566,693
Contributions to missions and benevolences, 1941	7,822,340
Net increase in gifts to missions and benevolences	2,835,455
Annual average net increase of gifts to missions, etc.	567,091

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Rev. C. Lee Bullard of Gloster, Mississippi, recently conducted a revival meeting in Gillsburg Baptist Church, where there were ten additions to the church, and a general church revival. The church and pastor are very happy over the recent air-conditioning of this country church.—Thurman Booth.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Jesus said—"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

I

Doxology Again!

We have just received the last of the bonds through Citizens Bank, Hattiesburg, \$24,000 of that issue called last December. No service charges were listed by that bank for handling this part of that call. Thanks to you sincerely.

Since the above event the \$47,000 in bonds of the Blue Mountain issue, and called last December, have come in from Memphis.

We thank everybody concerned.

This closes out these two bond issues!

We now have \$11,000 in bonds maturing in December, this year, and none thereafter until 1952. Doxology once more!

II

Our 280,000 Mississippi Baptists should learn a lesson in "stickability" from the lips of Jesus in these words, "Or what King going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?"

"Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace."

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:31-33.

Let us either put over the debt-paying program, or just admit that we have compromised with the situation.

Jesus says either whip the opposition, or if we just can't do it, meet it in compromise.

However, He suggests victory may be won if His people put themselves whole-heartedly into the fight!

III

Mississippi Baptists need to read and re-read the words of Jesus in Luke 14:28-30: "For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?"

"Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him."

"Saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"

All sorts of new plans and projects are coming up and will come up! Will we keep at this debt-paying, or will we be quitters?

"All that behold will begin to mock."

The devil wants to laugh at us!

The "antis" want to laugh at us!

The worldlings want to laugh at us!

Mississippi Baptists! Let us go through with this debt-paying determination!

IV

We list more Now Club certificates as of July 28, 1942:

No. 2652 for \$36, No. 729 for \$50, Jackson First, Hinds-Warren.

No. 757 for \$100, No. 758 for \$100, Bethany in Lauderdale (Hightower, field worker).

No. 798 for \$100, No. 799 for \$100, Fellowship in Lauderdale (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2826 for \$36, Meridian-Highland (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 2827 for \$36, No. 2828 for \$36, No. 683 for \$50, No. 755 for \$100, No. 756 for \$100, New Hope in Lauderdale (Hightower, field worker).

No. 726 for \$50, No. 800 for \$100, Pine Grove in Lauderdale (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2587 for \$36, No. 2588 for \$36, No. 2589 for \$36, No. 81 for \$500, Bogue Chitto in Lincoln (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 729 for \$100, No. 730 for \$100, Clear Branch in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2591 for \$36, No. 2592 for \$36, No. 2593 for \$36, No. 2594 for \$36, No. 2595 for \$36, No. 2596 for \$36.

PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

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schools qualify the citizens of tomorrow to do their full duty.

It is true the home and the church have a most vital part in this training. The place of the home and the church are not under discussion in this article. We are dealing with the schools.

From results we have received, if judged by the acts and deeds of men, it would appear that our schools have emphasized the "knowledge" part of our education spoken of in our first and second constitution and left off the teaching that has to do with "religion and morality."

Recently I heard a great religious leader, as he stood before a group of school leaders from 42 states and the District of Columbia, advocate the theory that schools should teach knowledge for knowledge's sake. Our present world conflict is all the evidence that one needs to convince him that this theory of education leads to ruin.

Our present world situation is a challenge to educational leaders to reorganize our educational thinking and to reorganize our educational practices. Human beings must be taught to live together in peace. If men are to live together in peace and harmony they must have knowledge but in addition they must be taught by precept and example, and by direct teaching those great truths

The fall quarter at the Mississippi Southern College begins on September 14, 1942. By written request each faculty member at the Mississippi Southern College has been asked to reorganize his or her course offerings and to reorganize the methods of approach in every class in every department at this institution. A four-day work conference will be conducted on the campus beginning September 9. Every faculty member and officer of the college has been asked to be present at the conference. Every minister in Hattiesburg and some of the leading business men have been invited to be present and to take part in the discussions around the tables at this work conference. It will be the one big aim at this work conference to lead our teachers and officers to see that we at the Mississippi Southern College have been doing just the same thing that others have done. We have tried to educate the head of all and to develop the physical bodies of a few. Our new program calls for educating the head and the HEART. A program that will develop the physical bodies of all will be inaugurated. Religion and morality must be given their rightful place in the educational program at the Mississippi Southern College.

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Bethlehem, Yazoo County: Dr. A. A. Kitchings was assisted in a revival meeting at Bethlehem by Rev. W. O. Beatty of Coldwater. It was a great meeting, and there were 29 additions. The crowds outgrew the house and they had to move out into the yard. It is reported that Brother Beatty preached to "acres" of people.

Mt. Pleasant in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 685 for \$50, No. 111 for \$250, Mt. Zion in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2586 for \$36, New Prospect in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 754 for \$100, Philadelphia in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 731 for \$100, No. 753 for \$100, Pleasant Grove in Lincoln (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2631 for \$36, No. 2632 for \$36, No. 686 for \$50, Athens in Monroe (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2637 for \$36, No. 2638 for \$36, No. 725 for \$50, No. 797 for \$100, Sardis in Neshoba (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2633 for \$36, Dixon in Neshoba (Hightower, field worker).

No. 869 for \$50, No. 113 for \$250, Linwood in Neshoba (Hightower, field worker).

No. 759 for \$100, New Black Jack in Neshoba (Hightower, field worker).

No. 687 for \$50, No. 112 for \$250, Liberty in Oktibbeha (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2654 for \$36, Wayside in Yalobusha (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 796 for \$100, Black Jack in Yazoo (McLaurin, field worker).

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

E. L. HOWELL JOINS THE 100% PARADE

Already having the EVERY FAMILY Plan in one church, Rev. E. L. Howell found it helpful and invited us to present it to the church at Hopewell. The results were as usual. We presented the plan, the pastor approved it, and the church adopted it.



Copiah county now has Record readers as follows: Antioch 18; BETH-EL 40; CRYSTAL SPRINGS 293; Gallman 24; Georgetown 43; HAZLELURST 47; Macedonia 7; Pilgrim's Rest 9; Pleasant Hill 2; Rockport 4; SARDIS 32; Spring Hill 7; STRONG HOPE 36; Wesson 6; Pine Bluff 2; Harmony 18; SMYRNA 20; GATESVILLE 32; Carpenter 1; SHADY GROVE 51; HOPEWELL 43.

EDINBURG: Anybody getting an invitation to preach at Edinburg and spend the week in the home of Clint Fortenberry is fortunate. We did both. Rev. Lavon Moore (newly married) is the pastor; and take it from us, he is a working pastor. His recently-acquired wife is an accomplished musician, and added greatly to the meeting by her work as pianist. There were three additions during the meeting.

As usual, the hospitality was more than any preacher ought to partake of during any one week.

Leake county Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: Zion 1; CARTHAGE 65; Dossville 4; Mt. Carmel 7; GOOD HOPE 18; LENA 75; MIDWAY 30; Mt. Zion 1; Oak Grove 7; Standing Pine 3; Thomastown 1; TUSCOLA 38; WALNUT GROVE 82; New Hope 14; Mars Hill 2; Ofahoma 1; CEDAR GROVE 39.

CROOKED CREEK, Lawrence county: Rev. B. E. Phillips is pastor at Crooked Creek, and has been for most of the twenty-four years that he has lived at New Hebron. Few pastors have the privilege of staying at one church for so many years. He is now completing his twenty-fourth year at New Hebron, having come directly to New Hebron from the Seminary.

He invited us to preach in a revival at Crooked Creek. The house was full for each day service, and overflowing for each night service. There were fourteen additions, and on the closing day instead of having a night service they had two services, with dinner on the ground and a baptizing in between.

Lawrence county Record readers are now listed as follows: Hebron 2; Jayess 1; MONTICELLO 83; NEWHEBRON 58; NOLA 30; Oakvale 3; Old Silver Creek 7; SHILOH 41; Wavilla 1; Newhebron 1; Oma 5; Calvary 26; Providence 16; New Zion 1; Arm 1; CROOKED CREEK 20; Old Hebron 1.

Calvary church in Jackson reports a peak attendance and a peak offering on Sunday, April 5. Two hundred and thirty extra chairs were placed in the auditorium and balcony. The offering amounted to \$1,568.43, and \$201.00 for Emergency Relief. EVERY FAMILY churches usually are "peak" churches.

Crystal Springs: Not only has Crystal Springs

BILLY WATSON AT LOUISVILLE

The Baptist people of Louisville, Mississippi, were so happy to have Rev. Billy Watson of Meridian, Mississippi, to hold a youth revival in our church the week of July 20-26. Because of the earnestness and sincerity of our preparation by weeks of special prayer and work, we were not surprised that Billy came to us filled with the Holy Spirit and that we had a week of awakening such as we have not had for a long time and which we believe will be lasting in our hearts and lives. The early morning services at 7:00 a. m. were most inspiring, as well as our evening services at 8:00 o'clock. We had big crowds at most of the services and it thrilled our hearts to see so many young people taking such interest in these meetings, not only from our church but from the other churches here also. Four young people accepted Christ as their Saviour and united with our church, one young man came by letter, three young women surrendered for special service and twenty or more people rededicated their lives. This is one of the most spiritual revivals that our church has ever witnessed. We're so thankful for Billy and what he has meant to us.—Irene Jones.

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PRAYER CHANGES THINGS! Lloyd King

The writer, closing a meeting in South Miami, had promised Bro. Lambert he would be in Greenville, S. C., to preach on Monday night. Railroad and bus agents agreed that it was impossible to reach Greenville before 9 p. m. Eastern Airlines said all space was taken; many on the waiting list. I asked the South Miami congregation to pray that God would open the way.

On Monday morning, Eastern Airlines, Jacksonville, said, "Not a chance!" Acting on faith, I took a National Airlines plane to Tallahassee, hoping to make a connection via Atlanta. Here the E. A. L. agent said, "Mr. King, a most unusual thing has happened. You are exceedingly lucky! Cancellations and other things happening, make it possible for me to book you straight through to Greenville. You will be there at 4 p. m."

When I told the agent about the prayers of the South Miami church, he said, "I'm going to make an office report of this!" I think the New York office of a great airline will be interested to know that prayer changes things!—Florida Baptist Witness.

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Rev. E. D. Estes assisted Pastor G. L. Gullett in a meeting at Clear Creek church in Marshall county. There were 14 additions.

been making progress along spiritual and numerical lines, but financial records indicate a marvelous financial growth, as the following figures reveal—Received in January, February, March, 1939, 1940, \$1,857.45; received in January, February, March, 1941, \$3,252.74; received in January, February, March, 1942, \$3,747.91. How EF churches do make progress!

Since the coming of Brother Glenn Miller to the pastorate of Calvary church in Warren county, it has gone on full time, two preaching services each Sunday—night and morning—Sunday school and Baptist Training Union. May we repeat again—Calvary includes The Record for EVERY FAMILY in its budget.—Mrs. Eva W. Davis. The EF Plan does help.

Cross Roads church, Webster county, has recently put on a budget, in lieu of the old haphazard way of passing the hat around at the monthly meetings. Preparations are under way to take a census (religious).

The present arrangement will show a marked increase to all causes, including pastor's salary, Cooperative Program, etc.

This change was made possible by your visit in February, 1941, introducing the EVERY FAMILY Plan and its adoption by the church. And too, our pastor, Rev. L. W. Estes, Eupora, is a tireless worker, sympathetic and understanding and an ideal pastor. Just as expected of EF churches.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"WHAT TO PREACH—EVANGELISM"

Until ten years ago those who wished to preach in half-time or full-time churches usually preached to the saints in the morning and to the sinners at night. That might be one of the reasons why the sinners stopped going to church, but I doubt it.

Until 1930 we usually had a number of non-church members in our congregations. A pastor could load his gun and brush off a target when he wanted to preach an evangelistic sermon. Today lost people go everywhere but to church. The worst problem about preaching that confronts the average preacher is when to preach a sermon that is specifically intended to persuade the lost to accept the Saviour.

It is well for us to remember that it is good for the saved to hear a sermon that is preached to the lost. Such a sermon should stir their compassion for the lost.

We must preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to lost men, even if we have to go and hunt them up in the field and the factory, in the homes and in the hospitals, in the highways or the hedges. None of us can please Christ who fails to join with Him in going out to seek and to save that which is lost.

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Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley

Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

BAPTIST MINISTERS: Those planning to enter the chaplaincy will be interested to know that the War Department moved the Army Chaplains' School from Fort Benjamin Harrison to Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 10.

CAMP SHELBY: Mississippi Baptists will be glad of the national recognition given one of their own number, Captain George A. Ritchie, chaplain of the 152nd Infantry. Captain Ritchie has spoken in many of our churches and also at the State Convention last fall in Meridian. He usually carries a soldier chorus along to assist wherever he speaks. "I will sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6.

KEESLER FIELD: The army news-sheets here carry the schedule of the religious services held in the field each week. There are thirty-two regular services conducted by the chaplains. "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." Psalm 113:3.

Another gratifying news item carried is the very low rate of absence without leave (A. W. O. L.) by the Keesler group. The June record was only 2.5 per thousand men. This speaks well for the enlisted personnel.

CHINA: A national magazine editorial states: "China is often down but never out." Instead of growing faint-hearted they are girding for greater efforts. And instead of backing away they recently recaptured two towns from the invading Japs. China is realistic with her Allies, too. She is asking for guns instead of bouquets. "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and His children shall have a place of refuge." Proverbs 14:26.

—BR—

Pisgah church, Rankin county: We have just closed a Vacation Bible school in which the enrollment was 84. Our average attendance was 73, with perfect attendance of 55. The children voted to give their mission offering of \$6.08 to the China relief. This is our second school and we feel that we are making progress, since our school last year was "E" grade and this year we reached "C" grade. Our intermediate boys made a book cabinet for our church library and school supplies.—Mrs. V. R. Worley, principal.

Now Club Leaders

It is interesting to study the churches of our Lord Jesus. Their records show them climbing and receding. Some remain near the top. Some are in and out. Some are constant.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

The Convention Board bookkeeping department now presents:

First 100 churches leading in Now Club gifts for the period of January 1, 1942-June 30, 1942:

1. Leland	\$1,565.66
2. West Point	1,535.80
3. Jackson, First	1,311.50
4. Belzoni	1,119.00
5. Walnut Grove	1,070.50
6. Moorhead	1,064.00
7. Hattiesburg, First	1,040.93
8. Laurel, First	938.50
9. Tupelo, Calvary	755.50
10. Greenwood, First	744.50
11. Clinton	710.62
12. Meridian, First	632.00
13. Blue Mountain	601.52
14. Philadelphia (Neshoba)	563.93
15. Columbia, First	561.50
16. Jackson, Calvary	548.01
17. Grenada, First	536.52
18. Crystal Springs	528.15
19. New Albany	474.23
20. Brookhaven	470.35
21. Tylertown	435.45
22. Coldwater Central (Tate)	416.00
23. Yazoo City	399.50
24. Laurel, West	364.00
25. Morton	354.00

Group II

1. Lyon	\$ 331.00
2. Greenville, First	322.91
3. Magee	316.00
4. McLain	300.00
5. Tunica	299.50
6. Meridian, Highland	293.70
7. Bay Springs (Jasper)	293.10
8. Louisville	271.97
9. Lexington	266.70
10. Picayune	260.00
11. Ellisville	255.63
12. Kosciusko, First	253.85
13. Hazlehurst	251.00
14. Hattiesburg, Main Street	249.69
15. Charleston	247.00
16. Calhoun City	244.00
17. Newton	234.50
18. Union (Newton)	228.43
19. Lucedale	224.70
20. Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	221.70
21. Galilee, Gloster	213.00
22. Pascagoula, First	211.19
23. Sardis (Panola)	210.00
24. Indianola	203.67
25. Drew	201.00

Group III

1. Ripley	\$ 200.00
2. McComb, First	197.00
3. Jackson, Parkway	191.68
4. Gulfport, First	191.00
5. Cleveland	188.50
6. Batesville	187.00
7. McComb, East	185.00
8. Jackson, Griffith	180.70
9. Pontotoc	178.31
10. Ackerman	177.34
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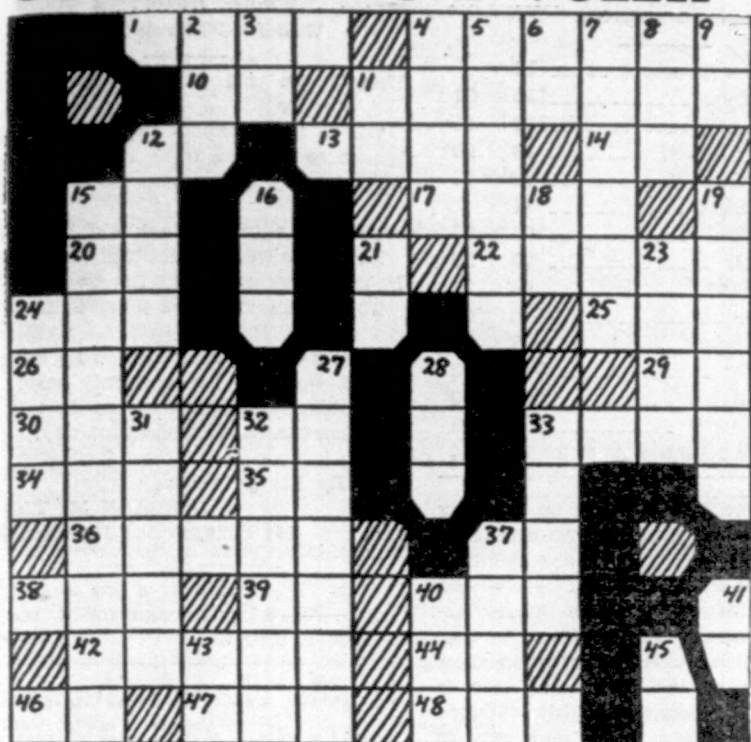
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- 1 "the poor . . . the gospel preached to them," Matt. 11:5.
- 4 "The . . . of the Lord is upon me," Luke 4:18.
- 10 Chinese measure.
- 11 See 6 down.
- 12 Hebrew deity.
- 13 "we spend our years as a . . . that is told," Ps. 90:9.
- 14 "Blessed . . . ye poor," Luke 6:20.
- 15 Doctor of divinity.
- 17 "when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the . . . the blind," Luke 14:13.
- 20 That is.
- 22 Creep.
- 24 Confederate states navy.
- 25 "and the clouds drop down the . . ." Prov. 3:20.
- 26 "for thou shalt be recompensed . . . the resurrection of the just," Luke 14:14.
- 29 Lava (Hawaiian).
- 30 Fellow of the Royal Society (L. Societatis Regiae Socius).
- 32 Grand lodge.
- 33 Bloody.
- 34 "and . . . them about thy neck," Prov. 6:21.
- 35 Whirlwind off the Faroe Islands.
- 36 " . . . them that curse you," Matt. 5:44.
- 37 " . . . thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast," Mark 10:21.
- 38 American Unitarian Association.
- 39 Postscript.
- 40 "A city that is set on a hill cannot be . . ." Matt. 5:14.
- 42 "say unto him, Friend, lend me . . . loaves," Luke 11:5.
- 44 Average.
- 46 "but . . . ye have not always," Matt. 26:11.
- 47 "bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and . . ." Matt. 13:52.
- 48 "called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a . . . of thieves," Matt. 21:13.

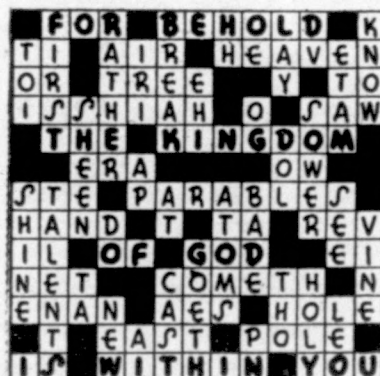
VERTICAL

- 2 "sell . . . that thou hast," Luke 18:22.
- 3 Chapter in Matthew beginning "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them."
- 4 "go and . . . that thou hast, and give to the poor," Matt. 19:21.
- 5 "because he hath anointed me to . . . the gospel to the poor," Luke 4:18.
- 6 and 11 across " . . . thou wilt be . . ." Matt. 19:21.
- 7 To bead again.
- 8 "He casteth forth his . . . like morsels," Ps. 147:17.

9 Size of shot.

- 11 Father.
- 12 Home of Adam and Eve, Gen. 2:8.
- 15 "and . . . unto the poor," Luke 18:22.
- 16 " . . . thing thou lackest," Mark 10:21.
- 18 Title of respect.
- 19 "For ye have the poor . . . with you," Matt. 26:11.
- 21 "and thou shalt have treasure . . . heaven," Mark 10:21.
- 23 "they that . . . soft clothing are in king's houses," Matt. 11:8.
- 24 "this poor widow hath . . . more in, than all they," Mark 12:43.
- 27 "And thou shalt be . . . ; for they cannot recompense thee," Luke 14:14.
- 28 "For ye have the poor with . . . always," Mark 14:7.
- 31 Word used at the end of a number of verses in the Psalms.
- 32 "To the poor the . . . is preached," Luke 7:22.
- 33 "whosoever ye will ye may do them . . ." Mark 14:7.
- 37 "and . . . to the poor," Mark 10:21.
- 40 "she of her want did cast in all that she . . ." Mark 12:44.
- 41 " . . . good, and lend, hoping for nothing again," Luke 6:35.
- 43 Artificial language.
- 45 "For the poor always . . . have with you," John 12:8.

Answer To Last Week's Puzzle



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We often hear the word "atonement." What does the word mean?

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ANTIDOTE FOR JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

It was brought to my attention a few days ago that a Baptist was joining the Jehovah Witnesses. For some time I have read their literature and tried to analyze their appeal. I was astonished to find how far we Baptists and other churches have gotten away from the preaching and teaching of other years.

Man is so constituted that a challenging objective is almost irresistible. For many years we Baptists offered such a challenging objective. Men will scale high mountains at peril to their lives just because the impossible challenges them. Peter, Paul, and our churches until very recently offered the joys of heaven to those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and who would take up their cross daily and follow Him. What mattered persecution or death of we gained that glorious abode where God dwells. They preached a heaven to gain and a hell to shun by following Him.

That same appeal is what is making the new religions grow now. They point to a reward in heaven if they will follow the teachings of Judge Rutherford. To hell if you do not. What matters jails or persecution or martyrdom if by so doing we reach that glorious heaven with God and hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We must not criticize them for wanting to get to heaven, we should get on our knees and beg God's forgiveness for churches. I don't know how long it has not holding up such an objective in our been since I have heard a sermon on the glories of heaven and the rewards to be obtained by living the separated life. Nor of how long since I have heard a sermon on the horrors of hell and pointing to the way of escape. We hear mostly of our duty to do this and our duty to do that. No man ever got up much enthusiasm for doing his duty. No man was ever challenged to go to death or jail because it was his duty. But picture to him that he is carrying the words of life to some other souls who may go to a Devil's hell if he does not get them and of the crown he will get for delivering one message and men will gladly go to death if necessary to get the message over.

Let us go back to the preaching of Paul and hold up a challenging objective to our people and duty will take care of itself. If we do not, our churches are going to continue to be empty on the Sabbath day and our members are going to look for the challenging life elsewhere. The few churches which are still

FOR THIS WE LIVE Eugene Perry Alldredge

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I'll give my name and good to own—
Against the low, for all things high,
I'll live in deeds which cannot die!

Whether I wait, or whether I go,
I'll trust in Him who orders it so—
Against all blame, for His great name,
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The true and the daring, the strong and the brave,

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offering a challenge to the separated life.

God told Ezekiel to warn the people. Let us do some warning. God said that even a cup of cold water given in Christ's name would receive a reward. Let's tell our people of the glorious reward that comes from being faithful and stop trying to get them to be faithful because it is their duty to do so.

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ALCOHOL IS NOT MAN'S FRIEND

By Clevis A. Brantley
Superintendent, Baptist Rescue Mission
New Orleans, La.

(This article, by a man who deals with alcohol's product, should be read with care.)

Perhaps a Rescue Mission worker sees more of the results of the use of alcohol than some others. The human wreckage seen in a rescue mission as a direct result of the use of alcoholic beverages is most appalling. The depth to which men and women can sink is hardly realized by those who lead more protected lives. Some of these will even go so far as to say that such conditions do not exist, that they cannot exist, but they just do not know. A week spent around a mission that is handling thousands of cases will convince such scoffers. Alcohol in its deadly fight against humanity attacks him who uses it as well as brings disgrace to many loved ones. Of course, I know that every user of alcoholic beverages does not end up in the soup lines of our missions, but there are literally thousands of them that do. There are other thousands that are living lives with their souls troubled, their security jeopardized, dangerously bordering on disgrace because of the use of alcohol.

Today, just a few minutes ago, a young man accompanied by his wife and little baby, came to my office. We had helped him before his marriage. He had married a lovely girl and a little baby had now come into the home. He needed help again and had brought his wife and baby to help urge it. His craving for liquor had caused him to lose his job, and had driven him to sell a radio which he had not finished paying for, to buy liquor. The sheriff had come to arrest him. Some way they talked the sheriff into giving them a few hours to try to raise the money that was already overdue on the payments for the radio. To me he had come. It was a hard case. He declared that he was going to leave alcohol alone. "I have sworn on my baby's head that I was going to leave liquor alone and get a job and make a real home for my family, if I can get out of this without going to jail," he pleaded. His wife joined him and said, "All our trouble has come from your drinking." Here was a young home about to go on the rocks because of alcohol. Who is to blame? He is, of course, but is he alone in his blame?

Alcohol Ruins a Woman

Morals take a "nose-dive" under the influence of drink. The Traveler's Aid in a city near New Orleans called about her. "Can you take a young girl who is to become a mother and who is not married? She went out on a wild party. She drank until she did not know what



she was doing. The police picked her up on the streets of our city, drunk. She is from another state and cannot be helped here. Will you take her?" Thus alcohol continues its ravaging power as it plays on the weaknesses of the human race. Who is to blame for her?

A Life Wrecked and a Job Lost

As we sat down to dinner, the telephone rang. "Can you come to the ... Hotel? There is a young man down here who keeps calling your name. He is drunk and is about to get into trouble with some of the other guests. We are going to have him arrested unless you come after him." A worker went and found a young man that we had helped several months before. He had secured a good job and was apparently getting along well. He began to drink with the boss on the job, had a fight with him and came back to New Orleans, checking in at a third rate hotel to drink away his troubles. He was drunk, broke, dirty, and without a job. Who was his blame?

Some would say, "That does not bother me. My loved ones nor I drink. Let those that are being hurt by it rise up and do what they will about it. I have more important matters to which I must give my attention." We would not so lightly dismiss any other danger that might be invading our communities and our homes. If a lion were loose in our community, a wild and ferocious beast

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were loose, we would not go on our way indifferently and without concern, saying, "My wife and children are at home. They will not be endangered by the wild beast. Let them who are in more danger take care of the problem." One would hardly say that for he would know that as long as the beast was free to roam where it willed that his children might be overtaken by it and torn in pieces. There is a danger far worse than a roaring lion that is loose in most of our communities.

Why not recognize the danger and earnestly set about removing it? It will be too late after it has struck and founded them whom you love. WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT ALCOHOL IF WE WANT TO. Why not do it before it is too late? SO HELP US GOD, WE SHALL.

In Memory of Our Granddaddy
E. L. CARTENS
Who Died March 23, 1942

There's an old rocking chair that's empty
Where our Granddaddy used to sit,
Where so many a time he has offered
His goodly advice and his wit.

We'll never forget dear old Granddad,
He was always so faithful and true,
He'd always do all in his power
To help us the right thing to do.

We miss him so much since he left us
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NOW THAT IT CAN BE TOLD

By P. I. Lipsey

Some years ago a preacher who had had considerable pastoral experience in Mississippi, and in one or two other states, thought to make his experience helpful to some of our churches and pastors by publishing the account of them in The Baptist Record. To these articles his name was not signed. It seemed an idea capable of great possibilities. But he soon struck a snag.

He gave in one of these communications a narrative of some happenings not altogether pleasant in a church which, of course, he did not name. No sooner published than the editor of The Record got a red hot letter from a prominent man who had held high rank in political as well as religious circles. He was outraged that a man who did not sign his name should have attacked his church or certain members in that church. He further said the charges were unjust and untrue, and insisted that his answer to these accusations should be given prominent position in The Record. This brother belonged to one of the best families, a "nomen clarum et nobile," and all that sort of thing.

The editor wrote him that he was probably mistaken as to any reference to him or his church in the article which had been published; that inquiry would be made immediately as to whether references were to his church; and if so, his reply would be published in prominent position.

The brother who wrote the offending article was asked if he referred to this brother or his church, and replied that he had never heard of the offended brother or his church. And the church mentioned in his article was not in Mississippi at all.

And this reminded me of a story. A negro boy was shining a preacher's shoes. The boy glanced out of the corner of his eye at the preacher and said, "Is you de preacher what's holdin' de meetin' up at the Babbis church?" Upon receiving an affirmative answer, he said, "I hyeered somebody talking about the sermon yistidy." "Did he like the sermon?" asked the preacher. "Naw suh, he didn't 'pear to lack it." "What was the matter?" asked the preacher. The boy replied, "Pears lack you shot in de hole whar he was at."

—BR—

BESIDE THE STILL WATERS

Remember that at this very moment when there is so much confusion and unrest in this world there is a quiet, harmonious place very near you. A place where you can find peace, assurance and refill your soul with courage and confidence.

Here it is that you may rest, that may be symbolized by the little path over which the shepherd led his sheep beside the still waters, and through the green pastures. This place is close to you because it is within you. Nobody can enter this place but you, for it belongs to you, and nobody can take away your right to enter it. Such a place has been prepared for every one, but few ever discover it. It is holy because you can meet God there.

You can not enter this place by hiding from troubles of the world as the ostrich hides his head in the sand to avoid danger. But we do enter when we realize that God is more important to us than any earthly thing and that He is the source of our strength and ability. Therefore, He comes first.

Today there are thousands of people in this country who have members of their family in the armed services. These men away from home need real spiritual cooperation from the folks back at home. They need to feel that someone has faith in a higher power to protect them and guide them. How can a mother, sister or wife, sitting at home crying and imagining dire things, strengthen the morale of her dear one? He needs to have the assurance that someone has faith in him and faith in a higher power to guide and direct him. Do not allow yourself to imagine anything that you do not want to happen. Dwell upon the realization of the presence of your loving Father until all negative thoughts melt away and are replaced by a consciousness of well being. Know of a truth that God is with you and your loved ones protecting and guiding you all. And we will find that we cannot help but be cheerful. So mothers, let us place our dear sons in our God's hands for safekeeping in

THE TITHING CORNER

Having a desire to be helpful to others who may have a like giving-duty problem the writer here gives his experience. Thirty-seven years ago he became concerned about what his duty was in helping to support the Kingdom causes. He wanted to do his part fully. After a time a friend gave him a tract on tithing which gave supporting scripture, telling that God commanded the Jews to pay the tithe of their increase or income. Christ, in His day, told the Pharisees they ought to tithe. The writer concluded that as God's chosen people were required to pay the tithe that he, as a child of God, should also accept and meet the same obligation; and he has, these thirty-seven years, faithfully met that obligation, adding to his tithe his thank offering, and has found joy in knowing he has a definite part in the advancement of God's Kingdom here on earth.

It was evident to him that paying the tithe before Christ came was not for the purpose of hoarding but was used in supporting those who served in God's temple and in the synagogues of the Jews and in maintaining those places of worship. In Mal. 3:8-9, God charged the Jewish nation with robbing Him in tithes and offerings and telling them they were cursed for doing so. And in the 10th verse He calls on them to bring all of the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in His house, and saying to them, "prove me herewith if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Will a child of God, Jew or Gentile, continue to beat God out of His tithe in withholding it? Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, taught them that those who labor in the Gospel should live by the Gospel. Much can be said and written about tithing, but the least is, that as God planned and willed that the Jews who did look forward to the coming of the Christ, pay the tithe in supporting His cause, those Jews and other sheep not of this fold, who are now looking back to His first coming and laying down His life for sin and who are looking for His second coming should be faithful in bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in His house.—Milton Payne, Olive Branch.

—BR—

DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN ELECTED
WESTERN RECORDER EDITOR

Dr. John D. Freeman, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Mission Board, has been elected editor of the Western Recorder. He is to succeed Dr. V. I. Masters, who recently resigned, effective October 31. Dr. Freeman begins his editorial duties November 1.

The editor-elect is well fitted for his new work, having served for eight years as editor of the Tennessee Baptist paper. And for some ten years he has been Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Mission Board.

Dr. Freeman was once pastor at Springfield, Ky., is a Th.D. graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is known as a leader in Baptist affairs throughout the South.

—BR—

You can get along with a wooden leg but you can't get along with a wooden head. In order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor.—Dr. Charles Mayo.

—BR—

"All Christians are stockholders in the King's business, and what most of us need is to learn more about the business."

His loving care. And I believe that He will protect and guide them just the same out at sea, or in the battlefield as He would here at home. We have only to place them with Him and have faith. When we go to our Father we should approach Him with an open, guiltless heart and He will meet us more than half way. These are days when we must prove to ourselves and to the whole world that God is mighty to heal, to save, and to bless, and we should have faith in His love to solve all of our problems. So let Him lead us beside the still waters.—Mrs. Ernest Stringer, Sumrall, Miss. (Oral church.)

"IT'S STALK CUTTING TIME"

By W. B. Langford, Jonesboro, Ark.

When the buds begin to shoot forth, and the birds begin to sing it's stalk cutting time with the farmer. He immediately goes out and equips his co-workers with proper implements suitable for cutting stalks and clearing ground of foreign substance, preparatory to the breaking of the soil, and the sowing of the seed of the coming crop. It is stalk cutting time with the pastors and their churches today. The revival meeting season is on and it is high time that the pastors are equipping their people in their churches and Sunday Schools with proper implements of the spiritual type and under their leadership, go out into the fields of opportunities of the unredeemed of God's created humanity and cutting the stalks and cleaning the ground of foreign substance of indifference, malice, and ill-will and many other things too numerous to mention that are in the hearts of both the membership of the churches and lives of the unregenerated.

The next thing we see the farmer doing, after the ground has been cleaned, is the stirring of the soil. Then, in keeping of this act, the part of the farmer, the pastor, superintendent of the Sunday School and teachers should so stir the hearts of the youth of our country that would grow into activities in both Sunday School and church attendance; that would develop into a longing desire to see and know the plan of salvation. One of our greatest failures today in all the efforts put forth is lack of proper preparation for the coming revivals. No church is ready or can have the revival without some preparation before the coming of the seed sower—the evangelist. And there is no other way better than for the pastor and his church to hold a series of prayer meetings. And when I say "prayer meetings," I do not mean a sermonette by the pastor. I mean that each member should be recognized, seen and heard and given a chance to testify and each tell his personal experience of the Holy Spirit, that stimulates the soul and activities on the part of the timid members. That, many times, has a more wonderful influence than we think when they speak to the unredeemed.

Then the next thing of importance to this farmer, is the selection of his seed. This is a very important thing on the part of the pastor and his co-workers to have the proper knowledge of the Scripture most suitable to the individual about the plan of salvation.

Then another thing I learned from a personal experience as a farmer, that after all previous preparation to sowing the seed and the crops begin to grow, the farmer does not neglect or leave his crop to grow alone, but he gives it his close personal attention daily—in cultivation and cutting away the foreign substance, that would prevent the growth. So should our churches be ever interested in our young converts—giving them close, personal attention in training, teaching and all the activities of our churches and Sunday Schools that they might develop and grow into strong Christian characters.

—BR—

He cannot fail for He is God,
He cannot fail, He pledged His Word.
He cannot fail, He'll see me through,
'Tis God with Whom I have to do.

—BR—

Clear Branch, Rankin County: We have just closed our annual revival, with Rev. Herman Milner doing the preaching. During the meeting we had the largest attendance that we have enjoyed during the past thirteen years. There were ten for baptism and six by letter. Apparently we have started a revival that will last. This church has been an EVERY FAMILY church since the beginning of the plan.

—BR—

It does not make much difference what else we have heard when we go to church if we can hear God, and sometimes He speaks when we are least expecting to hear him.—Roy Smith.

—BR—

The probabilities are the average church does more work and gets fewer words of thanks than any other organization.

Sunday School Department

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Help Us Please!

A great number of churches that have had Vacation Bible schools this year have not yet sent in the reports. We certainly want a report of each school held from the smallest to the largest. There is no way for us to have this information unless some one sends the report. The principal of the school is the one who should see that the report is sent to us. However, sometimes the principal has asked the secretary to do this, and that one overlooks it, hence it is not sent in at all.

We will greatly appreciate it if the pastor of each church that had a Vacation Bible school this year will check on this right away to see if a report has been sent us. If not, then get busy and send it at once. Regular blanks for making these reports were included in all packages of the free literature that was mailed to the many churches during the spring and early summer. If, however, you do not have a blank, just write us a card and we shall be happy to send you one immediately.

It will not take but a few minutes for one church to get the report made out and mailed to us, but it will take many hours of work and several days of waiting if we have to write all the churches that we know had schools but have not yet sent in the report. Therefore, we shall thank you most sincerely to help us out in this important item and see that your school is reported right away.

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From the reports of Vacation Bible schools that have come in thus far, there have been reported a total of 268 conversions in these schools. The Vacation Bible school is certainly giving us one of our finest opportunities to present Christ to our boys and girls and many of them are being won to Him through the agency and Bible teaching of the Vacation Bible school. Each church should plan for such a school each year.

A Characteristic Testimony

In sending in the report of his Vacation Bible school recently, Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of the Quitman Baptist Church, Clarke county, says this: "Just to tell you that we have just had our best V. B. S. This year's was the best school yet. Offering for the Baptist Orphanage was \$17.00. Yes, we shall plan early for another year. Always count us in on the V. B. S. program."

That testimony is similar to many that have been received regarding the work of schools this year, and also with reference to planning early for an even better one in 1943. It has been most encouraging to note the fine grade that so many schools have reached this year, and then added the notation that they are already planning to have a better one next year.

As long as we make our plans definite for improvement, and work toward the accomplishment of these plans, there is no question but that advancement will be the gain.

Junior Standards

These Junior classes have been standard for the first three quarters of the year: Willing Workers, Quitman, Miss Edith Middleton, teacher; Boys Cadet Corps, Liberty, Mrs. John T. Wilson, teacher; Up Streamers, Griffith Memorial, Jackson, W. L. Watts, teacher.

The Willing Workers Junior class of Griffith Memorial, Jackson, has been added to our list of standards. Mrs. J. M. Joffrion is the teacher of this fine class.

Intermediate Standards

The Intermediate department of the First Baptist Church, New Albany, Mrs. Varda Smith, superintendent, is standard again, which makes it for the third straight quarter this year. These classes from New Albany have been standard for three consecutive quarters: Goal Reachers, Lawrence Loden, teacher; Pure Gold, F. O. Cork, teacher; Queen Esthers, Mrs. Edgar Caldwell, teacher; Owls, Mrs. W. T. Simmons, teacher; Conquerors, Mrs. H. N. Graham, teacher. This makes a total of one department and ten classes that have been standard for three consecutive quarters. Quite a mark to shoot at. Come on you hustlers! Make it four straight, and you'll be perfect!

Welcome to the True Blue girls of First church, Biloxi. Their teacher, Mrs. D. C. Danford, sends in an application for their first award. Good!

These five Intermediate classes have been standard EVERY quarter this year! Look at them! We are certainly proud of them! Kingdom Seekers, Cumberland, Mrs. J. M. Scarbrough, teacher; Pure Gold, Philadelphia, Mrs. Colon L. Hathaway, teacher; Morning Star, Liberty, Mrs. Clinton McGehee, teacher. It takes hard work, much prayer, and undivided effort to accomplish this and win such an honor and distinguished praise. It can be done! It is being done! Come on, you other Intermediate teachers!

"Through the Smokies"

Only those who have had the great privilege of going to Ridgecrest, or for any reason have passed through the Smokies, can understand the tender feeling one has when viewing this great chain of mountains God has placed there. As they soar high into the sky, with the valleys and dazzling brooks below, with the hundreds of trees everywhere, one can but feel that God is near.

Even the black mountain bear with her cubs along the highway, seem to

SOME COAST MEETINGS

By W. S. Allen

Bowen Memorial

It was my privilege to preach in a meeting here the week following the second Sunday in June. Brother W. T. Miller is pastor of this church for half time. He is also pastor of the Handsboro church for half time, and is doing a fine work. The meeting at Bowen Memorial was well attended in spite of some hindrances. Prof. and Mrs. Longest and their family are leaders in the work. There were two additions to the church.

Bay St. Louis

Here we had Brother E. D. Estes to do the preaching for us. The weather was hot and it rained a lot but that didn't keep the people away. Bro. Estes used his "loud speaker" to good effect and many people who would not have attended the services heard them. We had three additions to the church. We hope to have him with us again.

—BR—

PASS CHRISTIAN

Our meeting here was a very happy one. Our own Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall was with us for a week. The weather was exceedingly hot and it rained almost every day but the people came. The hot weather didn't seem to hinder Brother McCall in his preaching. His pictures at the close of the services greatly interested our people. Brother McCall had to leave after the Friday evening service and the pastor closed the meeting Sunday night. We had one addition to the church. We have had an unusual experience here on this field. We have never had any great number of people coming into the church during the meetings we have had. But all along we have additions. Perhaps that is better. In spite of all that is going on here on our coast in the way of the war effort and the many attractions and distractions, the Lord

trust the Father for His watch over them.

How it makes us realize that God is creator of all nature in its beauty, and how we thank Him that He has allowed us to behold all His wondrous works.

Words can not express our gratitude to Him for this blessing of attending conferences at Ridgecrest, for the fellowship with God's people, and for the beauty of the Lord that shone round about us.

—Mrs. M. H. Tillman,
817 Church Avenue, Meridian.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, state mission secretary, states there are three fundamental thoughts around which our mission program in Mississippi turns, kingdom unity . . . home conquest . . . and world empire of Jesus.

The remarkable success of the Columbia church is largely due to the fact that they recognize church work as being a man's job. . . . The church licensed W. W. Kyzar to preach, on July 29th, and will pay his expenses to the Seminary at Fort Worth next session.

Rev. Geo. Barton of Winona, reports a good meeting at West, Miss., with Pastor W. I. Hargis, and with Joe Canzoneri leading the singing.

In a revival the church at Waynesboro had 30 additions, with Dr. J. T. Christian of Hattiesburg preaching. Praise was given to the pastor, E. W. McLendon, for his great work in reorganizing the work after the emergencies of the preceding year following the storm which wrecked the building.

Meetings at Phoenix, Hebron and Oak Grove are announced by the pastor, John F. Henderson, in which Rev. Patrick S. Rogers of Ackerman will be guest preacher.

A great service was held at Grenada, when the soldiers who were going to the army were guests of honor, and Dr. J. B. Quin preached.

Steen's Creek announced a revival with the pastor, S. T. Courtney, preaching and A. P. Dear, one of the deacons, leading the singing.

Pastor J. E. Kinsey was assisted in a meeting at Cato by Rev. W. A. Sullivan.

"Is there much food value in dates?"
"It all depends on whom you make them with."

—BR—

Patient: "Does a fish diet strengthen the brain?"

Doctor (returning from vacation): "Perhaps not; but going fishing seems to strengthen the imagination."

blesses the work and there are some as faithful Christians as you will find anywhere on earth. But we do need the continued prayers of all praying people who are interested in this mission field.—W. S. Allen, pastor.

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Is filled with grief and pain,
That, though He sends the sunshine,
He also sends the rain."

We have just read the "remarks" jotted down on the reports of our summer workers, and it gives us great joy to see how these fine young people carried on even when there was no interest manifested on the part of the people themselves. They simply remembered that they were there to serve the Lord, so they swallowed their pride and went right on being busy and happy. The Lord richly blessed them, too. We are giving you an insight into their experiences here, taking some of the "bitter with the sweet." You who have been busy for the Lord will be able to appreciate their experiences. We will not call names or give localities, but each two statements come from different workers and from different associations.

No. One (a) School began Monday so they would not let us conduct a Vacation Bible school. No adults were regular in our study course attendance so I could not organize a B. A. U.

No. 1 (b) We did not have a Bible school because the literary school had started. We went to school every day, however, and sang and preached and even taught a class. We had a grand time and were treated royally.

No. 2 (a) We remember one question we were asked at the clinic—"What would you do if you were not met when arriving at your destination?" We have all the answers now! It happened to us.

No. 2 (b) Upon arriving at we found a small Junior Union meeting in the leader's home. We were able to lead in the organization of another union, thus doubling their opportunities.

No. 3 (a) I'd like to report that we'd organized a B. A. U. and a Story Hour, but I simply did everything in my power to do it and couldn't. The grown people here take absolutely no interest whatever in the church work, even to the extent that they don't care what their children do. The proof that they simply are not interested was the Bible school commencement last night. Of course we told the children to invite their parents, but besides that we went out

ourselves and invited everyone in town. We had six, adults, only three of those parents of the children. I am simply amazed because I never heard of parents who didn't even care to see their own children perform. What do you do in a case like this? I have never seen such interest before among young people. They seem so eager in every way, but no adults seem to care about what they do.

No. 3 (b) This is the most responsive bunch of people I've ever seen. They flock to the study course every night though they all walk, some as much as three miles. I really feel that the Training Union set-up will take hold and grow because they are so interested.

No. 4 (a) There were only two men who came to the study course, only one night each. Other than that no men or boys were present at all. Neither do they go to Sunday school. No. 4 (b) I had a wonderful experience with an Intermediate girl who professed Christ as her Saviour. I received a great blessing in this community.

No. 5 (a) Community is hard-hearted. A few deacons cause much trouble in the entire community. They had backed out of having the study course when I arrived, but I talked them into going on with it.

No. 5 (b) All is well and the people here are ideal. We have nearly fifty taking the study course.

No. 6 (a) This is not such an easy job since there is so much irreverence in the church. The young people seem very indifferent toward the work of the Lord. The great weakness is the lack of interest on the part of the adults. They do not attend the services of the church.

No. 6 (b) The children were so enthusiastic over the Bible school and they decided to run another week with local workers. The study course was successful also. A Story Hour, Junior Union and B. A. U. was organized.

No. 7 (a) All but three of my enrolled members belong to another denomination, or their parents do, but they seem so interested in the work of the union. There are only eleven people who belong to this church, and we reached eight of these for the study course.

No. 7 (b) These people were very interested. There was a good spiritual atmosphere, especially among the adults. All Christians were so concerned about the lost in the community. As usual we were treated as queens.

No. 8 (a) The children were busy working in the field, therefore no Bible school was conducted, although we met three small children for an hour's study each day. We were impressed by the earnestness and the genuine interest of the community as a whole. The study course was a great success.

No. 8 (b) The people were eager to learn. The adults came to the Bible school, so we had a class for them. We had Bible school from 2 'til 4:30, then study course until six each afternoon. We were received as a helper

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on page 11.

1. (In a pit): This timely quotation is from Psalms 9:18.

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2. (Twenty pieces of silver): See Genesis 37:28 for name and prominence.

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3. (Penknife): King Jehoiakim used his penknife to: (See Jeremiah 36:21-25.)

4. (Atonement): The word 'atonement' was given currency by Tyndale, though it had been used earlier. The original meaning has been forgotten, in spite of its very apparent presence in form—'atonement' meaning, 'the condition of being in accord with others,' or with God, or 'at-one-ment' with God.

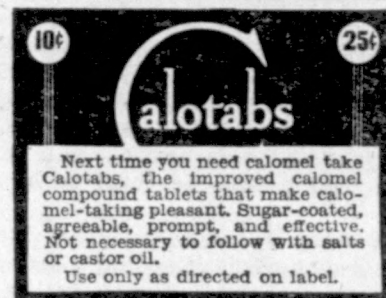
in their community and found a cordial invitation into every home.

Many expressions of joy and appreciation have come from these young

workers. I give you one here, which is of course a choice one, it will represent many that have come. "I'm so excited over the work this summer. Thank you for letting me work. It's during the summer at times like this that I know the deeper meaning of the 'Abundant Life' that Christ promises."

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THIRD: Make sure that every church in your association has its own Record representative.

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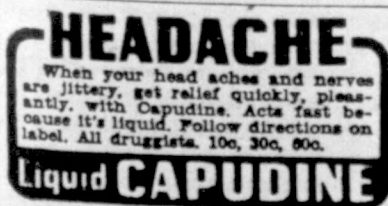
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NEWS AND TRUTHS about our HOME MISSION WORK

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Arizona Indians Have Revival

A revival meeting on the Indian field in Arizona, conducted by Rev. Luke Johnson, Home Board worker, has resulted in fourteen confessions of faith, three of whom have been baptized in the Sacaton church.

The missionary reports that there were also six Papago Indians baptized at the same service.

Good crowds always attend baptismal services on the Indian field, the missionary reports. A Papago woman who had been received as a candidate for baptism died before she could be baptized.

Chinese Will Win, Missionary Predicts

Chinese of Norfolk attending a memorial service at the Chinese Baptist Mission on the fifth anniversary of the Japanese invasion heard Home Board Missionary Shau Yan Lee predict that China will win the war.

According to the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, the 140 persons in attendance heard Brother Lee declare, "We know ourselves, we know our enemy, we know our neighbor nations and we know our God by our side."

Making the plea that "the United Nations are fighting for the principle of world peace with honor," the missionary and other leaders of the group speaking in Chinese appealed to the audience to make offerings to provide equipment for the Chinese. Over \$500 was raised.

"The Chinese were happy to attend our church service," the missionary said.

Visitors Lead Mexican Services

A three weeks' period of special services led by two visiting workers have brought spiritual blessings to the Mexican congregations at Kerrville, Texas, according to missionary Emmett V. Rodriguez.

The first week Miss Francine Chapoy, field worker for the Mexican W. M. U., assisted in special studies in the W. M. U. of the church and worked with the children.

At the conclusion of the week, Miss Chapoy presented a program including significant lessons on the church, stewardship, prayer, Bible study, salvation.

This week was followed by a Vacation Bible school led by Rev. Carlos Paredes, Home Board missionary from Austin. The enrollment increased from thirty-two the first week to fifty the second week. Mrs. Rodriguez and Emmett, Jr., also assisted in the school.

Under the leadership of Missionary Rodriguez, the Kerrville church makes an offering of five dollars each month to Home Missions.

School Closes When Teacher Joins Army

Tom Woo, Christian Chinese who has been teaching in the language school at El Paso sponsored by Home Board workers, has been called into the army, thus necessitating the closing of the school, according to Miss Viola Campbell, missionary.

"I am thankful that he is taking Christ with him as he leaves," writes Miss Campbell. "His faith and eagerness to know the Bible have been real blessings to all who know him. The Lord had a purpose in bringing him here for this one year."

Miss Campbell states that one of the Chinese women who has been studying English may be able to teach in the language school beginning this fall. She has been faithful at all of the services at the mission according to Miss Campbell. The woman's husband is in the army.

Two New Missions Opened

Two new missions have been opened by Rev. G. C. Valadez in his work on the Mexican field at

Cameron, Texas.

At Riverside Place he reports that the thirty-one present at the first service were anxious to hear the songs and the Gospel. At the other new mission, Watts Place, the first service was attended by twenty-five Catholics, all of whom were interested in the service.

The missionary also conducted a Vacation Bible school recently in which eight boys and girls made profession of faith in Christ. During the school the Mexican children contributed their pennies amounting to \$2.26 for Chinese Relief.

Teacher-Missionary Becomes Chaplain

Rev. John E. Percy, Home Board teacher-missionary at Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, has been called to active duty as a chaplain in the army.

Italian Girls Profit From G. A. Camp

Two girls from the Italian mission field in Tampa attended an associational G. A. camp for the first time this summer according to Rev. Alex Pasetti, Home Board missionary.

Mrs. Pasetti attended the camp as counselor and teacher of a mission book. There were about sixty girls in the camp of which number about ten made profession of faith in Christ. The Italian girls were so thrilled by the experience, the missionary reports, that already they are talking about going to camp next year.

Several boys also are looking forward to the time when they can go to camp and "study about the work that has been done, the work that is being done, and the work that they themselves can do."

Short Course Helps Negro Pastors

By Nathan M. Carter

Teacher-Missionary, Selma University

The work in the Christian Workers Course the past six weeks has far surpassed that of last year. Those workers who studied with us left for their respective fields of labor with a renewed mind and a greater determination to go forward with the Master's program.

One of these pastors was so well impressed with the teaching which he received in the Christian workers Course, that he has decided to move his family to Selma this fall so he can enter school as a full-time student.

Use of Bible Taught Rural Preachers

By B. L. Marchant

Teacher-Missionary, Arkansas Baptist College

In visiting one of our district Sunday school and Training Union congresses it was my experience to teach a group of twenty-two rural preachers just out of the fields and small villages as well as some from larger towns, how to preach from the Bible.

The thing that made the experience so challenging was, "How little they knew about the Bible and how anxious they were to learn." The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.

Italian Girls Profess Faith In Christ

By Warren C. Vining

Missionary to Italians in Kansas City

The most thrilling moment during the past month was when two little ten-year-old girls knelt beside me and definitely gave their lives into our Saviour's nail-scarred hands.

They had begun our discussion which led to their decision by asking me what was the difference between Catholics and Baptists. I showed them how we believed that salvation comes only from God to an individual through the Lord Jesus Christ and that human beings or human agency have nothing to do with effecting it. We believe it is a question of individual belief and that only, while the Romanists believe that the church and her sacraments are entirely necessary to a person's salvation.

Even though they had not been brought up as Catholics, these two little girls still thought—and told me so—that all that was necessary to be a Christian was to come to church and be baptized. I thank God that the Holy Spirit was able to use me to tell them the simple plan of salvation, and I really believe that He illuminated their minds.

As far as I could tell they perfectly understood the necessity for individual acceptance of God's

plan, and they were very anxious to do so. One of them will be baptized this summer, and the other one later when her parents think her old enough.

Eighteen Converted at "Singing Mission"

By Ruby Senterfitt

Missionary in New Orleans

God is certainly hearing the prayers of His people at "The Singing Mission." We are teaching the life of Christ in eight Bible-classes each week and giving the plan of salvation some time during each class.

On Friday night we have a song service—meeting a twofold need. One is to teach the rudiments of music and help the people to see the spiritual value of the songs. At the close of each song service, an evangelistic message is given in the form of chalk-talk.

In the past few weeks eighteen people have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and all have been baptized. A number of Christians have covenanted together to pray daily for the lost people of the community.

Missionary's Sons Commissioned in Army

Rev. A. N. Porter, Home Board missionary in Waco, has the distinction, according to the local paper of his city, of being "the only minister in Waco with two sons in the army who are majors."

John and George, the two sons, were awarded their commissions early in July, according to the newspaper story.

A graduate of Chicago University Medical School in 1934, John is now en route from a Texas field to foreign service as battalion doctor.

George was graduated from Baylor Medical School in 1934 and is now chief surgeon of the twenty-third Infantry at Fort Sam Houston. Both have been in the army since the fall of 1940.

Brother Porter has been a missionary among the Mexicans for thirty-five years. For the past eighteen years he has been in charge of the Mexican mission in Waco.

Mountain Missionary Serves Entire County

With an entire county as his field, Missionary Rans Hill in the Kentucky mountains is trying to meet the spiritual needs of 8,000 souls through his ministry in two churches and three missions.

On this field, including Sandy Hook where he lives and where one of the churches is located, the greatest need is for more workers in the Sunday schools.

"We are trying to train young Christians," he says, "so that we will have these workers in the future in this county."

The second church in the county, which has only fifteen resident members in comparison with eighteen at Sandy Hook, is an isolated mountain community where services are attended by an average group of 100 people who walk and ride horseback many miles over rough mountain roads to reach the church.

"These people," says the missionary, "have given the best response to our work of any in the county. We have witnessed among these country people the greatest Christian growth that we have ever known in our ministry among mountain people. This church is located twenty-five miles northeast of Sandy Hook."

In one of the communities where the missionary conducts a mission he reports that "none of the people are Christians," save only an eighteen-year-old girl who has been won as the result of two years' work in that community.

The missionary sees in the present gasoline and tire shortage a threat to the greatly needed work on that field.

"If we were deprived of the use of our car," he states, "it would mean that our field would be limited to Sandy Hook and the places that we could reach afoot or by horseback, thus leaving most of these rural places without any sort of religious services."

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A small boy was getting ready to go calling with his mother. Suddenly he asked her in a startled voice:

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"I'm the kind of man who thinks for himself."
"You don't say! I thought you were married."